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# HITLER HANGS HIS WARNINGS ON THE SIEGFRIED LINE

## BLOCKADE IS MAKING THE NAZIS SQUEAL

STOCKHOLM, DEC. 28 (REUTERS).—THE BELIEF EXISTS IN BERLIN THAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE ARE NOW ENDEAVOURING TO FORCE SWEDEN AND TURKEY TO ABANDON THEIR NEUTRALITY, ACCORDING TO THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE "DAGBLADET."

The Germans think that the violent anti-Soviet campaign may induce Turkey to enter the war on the side of the Allies, while the question of assistance to Finland is intended to serve the same purpose in the case of Sweden.

## EXETER'S CASUALTY LISTS

Lt. Cdr. Bowman: Manifold Among Killed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

IN response to many requests from naval men in Hongkong, the "Telegraph" has obtained by cable from the London office of "United Press" the full list of casualties aboard H.M.S. Exeter, resulting from the ship's historic engagement with the Admiral Graf Spee.

The Exeter, for some time, took on the erstwhile Nazi "pocket battleship" singlehandedly, and although terribly pounded, hit back so effectively that with the subsequent assistance of H.M.S. Achilles and H.M.S. Ajax, was able to force the German warship into a neutral port, seriously damaged.

Here is the full list of the Exeter's casualties:

### OFFICERS

Killed

Lieut.-Commander John Bowman-Manifold.

Midshipman John S. Rickford.

Paymaster Sub-Lieut. Donald H. Tyler.

Captain Humphrey R. D. Wood, Royal Marine.

Missing, Believed Killed

Acting Sub-Lieut. Clyde A. L. Morse.

### Wounded

Provisionary Temporary Paymaster Sub-Lieut. Jack E. Cauton.

Acting Gunner Thomas J. Lynn.

Paymaster Midshipman Leslie D. E. Nathan Penn-Gaskell.

### RATINGS

Killed

E.R.A. (4th Class) F. E. E. Back.

A.B. F. Bethell.

A.B. J. Bethell.

Marine B. Blufford.

Ordinary Seaman R. M. Bowes.

Stoker Petty Officer D. Bright.

Stoker (1st class) S. M. Burns.

Stoker (1st class) F. P. Campbell.

A.B. R.M.R. Clarkson.

Marine A. J. Croker.

A.B. G. L. Davies.

Acting Petty Officer G. H. Dove.

Shipwright (third class) F. W. G. Dyer.

A.B. F. T. French.

A.B. S. C. Gibson.

Marine S. P. Harrington.

Petty Officer Telegraphist H. Harris.

Chief Yeoman Signals A. Hildin-bottom.

Boy Bugler R. B. Hill.

Leading Signaller L. F. Honey.

Stoker Petty Officer A. S. Jones.

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## HEROES OF GRAF SPEE BATTLE PROMOTED

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—Admiralty communique No. 1927 announces recognition of the services in action against the Admiral Graf Spee in the following promotions, to date from December 13:

Commander D. H. Everett, H.M.S. Ajax, to Captain;

Lt. Commander R. B. Jennings and Lt. Commander C. J. Smith, H.M.S. Exeter, and Lt. Commander P. T. A. Love, H.M.S. Achilles, to Commanders.

The "Nachtausgabe" declares that Britain's aim is to secure Swedish ore, and it warns neutrals against supporting the latest anti-Russian tendencies.

### NAZI MUST NOW FIGHT ON

The Berlin correspondent of the "Nyheter" states that it is now emphasised in official circles in Berlin that "Britain's war" can only be decided by fighting until Germany wins.

The Pope's Christmas address has created no impression on Germans, who state that the time has now arrived for weapons to speak.

The correspondent adds that it is believed in Berlin that Britain and France intend to sharpen the blockade and that this will necessitate increased pressure against neutrals.

### COUNTRY DEVASTATED

## GREATEST DISASTER

### 80 Villages Razed In Turkey's 'Quake'

ISTANBUL, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—While exact details are unlikely to be available for many days, yesterday's earthquake was undoubtedly the greatest natural disaster ever to have befallen the country.

Twelve provincial towns and over 80 villages have been partly or completely wrecked.

President Inönü, as well as the Ministers of the Interior and Health, are hastening to the devastated area in which scenes of suffering and despair everywhere greeted the relief parties.

## Lanchow Raid

### Japanese Bombers Shot Down

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—At least three Japanese bombers were shot down in aerial battles on Tuesday when 99 planes in three groups raided Lanchow, capital of the Kansu province, according to Chinese reports.

As the Japanese aircraft appeared over Lanchow, it is stated, Chinese pursuit planes engaged them.

The Wilhelmstrasse considers that Britain and France are incapable of carrying on alone, and therefore they are seeking to excite neutrals against Germany.

The Wilhelmstrasse has issued a warning that "those not against us are safe and those adhering to France and Britain are Germany's enemies, and will be treated accordingly."

### Soviet Demands On Bulgaria

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—It is reported that during the Soviet-Bulgarian trade negotiations, the Russians asked for military advantages and rights, coupled with naval bases in the Black Sea, in return for economic concessions to Bulgaria.

## NAZIS IN AMERICA

### One Flees Country; Another In Jail

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP).—A report from the Dies Committee charges that Doctor Colin Ross, a Nazi propagandist, recently toured the United States in a special motor car equipped with movie cameras, with which he attempted to photograph "specialised industrial plants."

The report charges that such a practice apparently comes within the category of espionage and recommends his permanent expulsion from the United States.

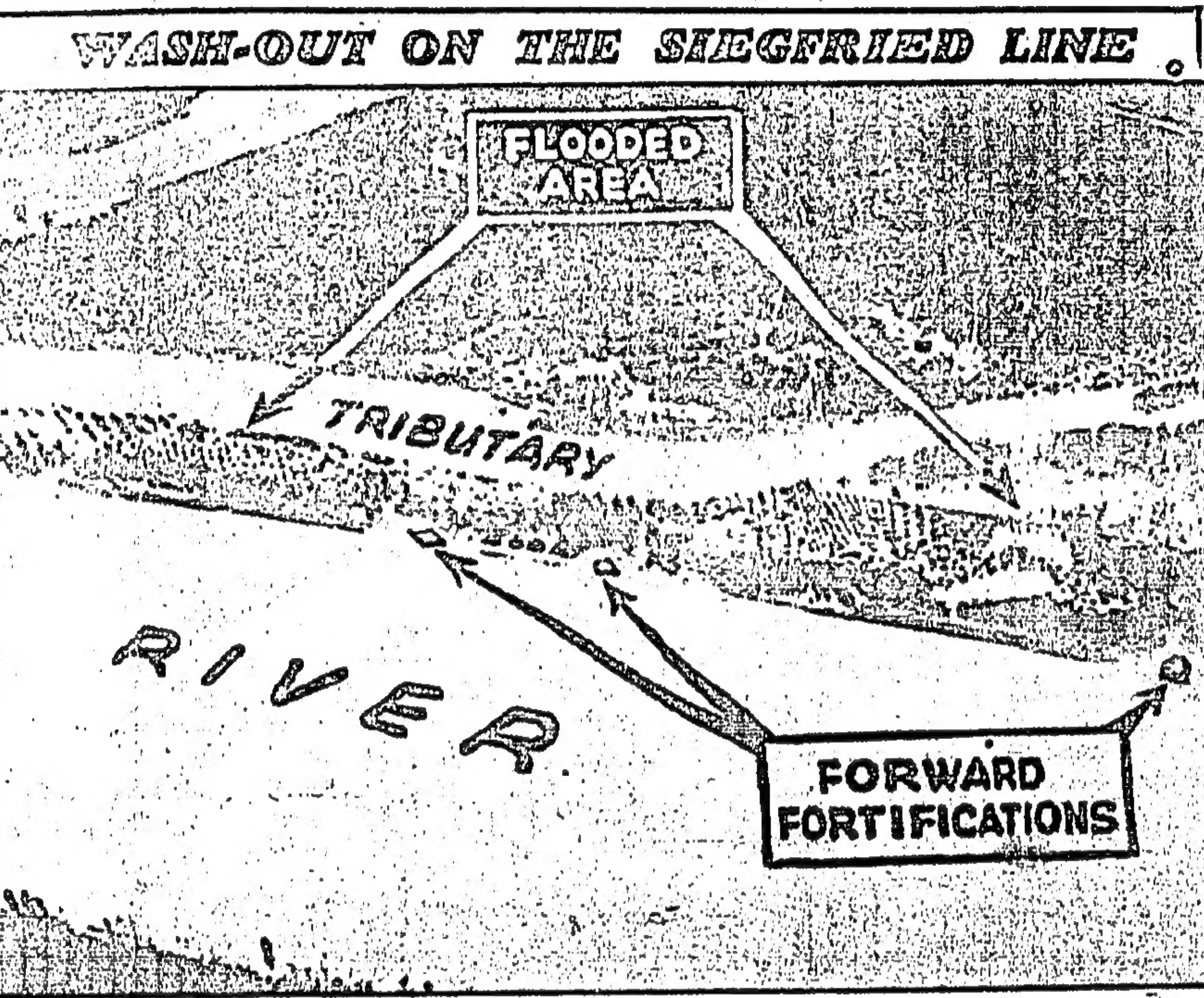
Dr. Ross sailed for Japan on March 17.

### Bund Man Indicted

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP).—The New York Grand Jury has charged James Wheeler-Hill, National Secretary of the German American Bund, with perjury in connection with alleged contradictions given in his testimony before the Grand Jury and Court during the Fritz Kuhn trial.

The charge resulted in his immediate arrest.

Wheeler-Hill pleaded not guilty to the charge and is now on \$2,000 bail, pending trial on January 20.



This picture, received in Hongkong last night, is the first to reach the Colony of the flooded Siegfried Line. It was taken during one of the many reconnaissance flights made by Allied planes, and shows fortifications of the West Wall under water at a point near a river bank.

## Amazing Russian Reverses In Arctic Continue

## FINNISH INVASION OF U.S.S.R. MEETS SUCCESS

HELSINGFORS, DEC. 28 (REUTERS).—WHILE FIGHTING CONTINUES ON RUSSIAN SOIL EAST OF LIEKSA, THE FINNS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE PUSHED THE RED ARMY ACROSS THE FRONTIER AT A NEW POINT SOME MILES NORTHWARD.

Fighting is continuing in the border region of Kivivaara. Reports received here suggest that the Soviet Command is preparing a determined attempt to retrieve the situation near Suomussalmi, where the invaders recently suffered a severe reverse.

## EX-GERMAN PILOTS JOIN THE ALLIES

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—Three airman, ex-German pilots of the last war, have joined the Active Citizens Unit of the South African Air Force.

Their names are not being made public because they still have relatives in Germany, but one of them is one of the most famous war pilots Germany ever had.

## BOY SAVES SIX MEN

### New Epic Of The Sea Revealed

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—Six survivors of the torpedoed British ship, Arlington Court, were saved through the skill of an 18-year-old boy, it was learned in London today.

### At Tiller For 6 Days

He and six others got into a water-logged lifeboat and he was the only one who knew how to navigate her. He kept at the boat's tiller for six days, steering her by means of a small compass until he brought them into a busy shipping lane, where they were picked up by a passing ship.

The Russians are attacking to the north of Suomussalmi with the evident object of making another attempt to break through the "wasp waist" to Oulu at the head of the Gulf of Finland. Soviet troops dispersed at Suomussalmi have been re-concentrated against the Finnish centre for a new drive.

Railway Threatened  
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—Two detachments of Finnish aid troops are now in Soviet Russia and are heading for the Murmansk-Leningrad Railway with the object of cutting it.

In view of their small numbers, they are avoiding heavy engagements. They have headed for Kandalaksha, which is situated at the spot where the railway skirts the White Sea at its northern end.

If they can cut the railway and hang on in that area, the Soviets will be unable to get reinforcements and supplies through to the Petsamo front. On the Petsamo front, the Russians have completely lost the initiative and are practically in a state of siege.

Tanks Form Fortress  
A Finnish officer who has just returned from that area reports that at least 150 Soviet tanks are snow-bound and in many cases the Finns have found their crews frozen to death inside.

The crews of others are either surrounded or have fled.

In other cases, Soviet tank detachments have placed their tanks in a circle, forming a small but effective fortress. They are difficult to attack but at the same time they are isolated and useless to the main drive.

On the central front, the Soviets have lost large quantities of men and equipment.

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## AID FROM ITALIANS

### Volunteers Reported To Have Arrived

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—It is freely reported that at least 2,000 Italian volunteers have arrived to fight against the Soviets, but this is not confirmed as yet in official circles.

At the same time, three Swedish volunteer contingents have arrived, and a large Danish ambulance unit is on the way.

The appeals from Finland for active as well as moral support have received a reply in the broadcast by the Norwegian Foreign Minister. He said that Norway must pursue her course of non-participation because her whole defence system is based on that idea.

Nevertheless Norway joins wholeheartedly in all appeals for moral and humanitarian aid.

## East Africa's War Expenditure

NAIROBI, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—An official statement reveals that, with certain exceptions, the war-time expenditure of East African territories will be met from Imperial funds. The Governments will be asked to pay only 25 per cent. annually above their peace-time military expenditure.

## Singapore Chinese Leader Expelled

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SINGAPORE, Dec. 28 (UP).—The Government has issued an expulsion order against a prominent Chinese resident, Mr. Hau Say-hoan, a member of the China Relief Fund Committee which sends millions of dollars annually to China.

Mr. Hau is alleged to have encouraged unlawful societies under the cloak of genuinely patriotic activities.

In addition to being a member of the Fund Committee, he is a Director of a Singapore newspaper and the manager of an insurance company.

Sir Alexander Small, the Colonial Secretary, attended a meeting of the Fund Committee and stated that Mr. Hau personally encouraged the activities of unlawful societies—the Vanguard Corps and an Anti-enemy Society—and was backing up a society which had committed many acts of violence and terrorism in the name of Chinese patriotism. Sir Alexander said that these dangerous societies were closely connected, while the Anti-enemy Society was the organ of the Malayan Communist Party, which in itself was a dangerous subversive organisation aiming at the overthrow of the government by open revolution.

### Danger To Peace

Sir Alexander referred to leaflets issued by the Anti-enemy Society and drew attention to particularly inflammatory passages and drawings.

While the government sympathises sincerely with the Chinese in China, these illegal organisations have become a danger to the peace and good order of the Colony," he said.

Mr. Hau is required to leave Malaya before December 31 and must not return.

## LATEST

## MINE DISASTER RUMOUR DENIED

SENSATIONAL RUMOURS WERE CURRENT IN HONGKONG THIS MORNING THAT THE 1,665-TON STEAMER MACAO, OF THE TAI SANG STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S FLEET, HAD STRUCK A MINE OFF CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND, IN HONG KONG TERRITORIAL WATERS.

The rumour is denied by the Tai Sang S. S. Company, and neither naval nor police circles have any information.

The Macao left Hongkong for Macao at 8 o'clock this morning with a large passenger list.

She is a twin-screw steamer engaged in regular ferry service between Hongkong and Macao. She was formerly on the Canton run. Built in France in 1923, the Macao was formerly the s.s. Paul Beau. She is registered in Hongkong.

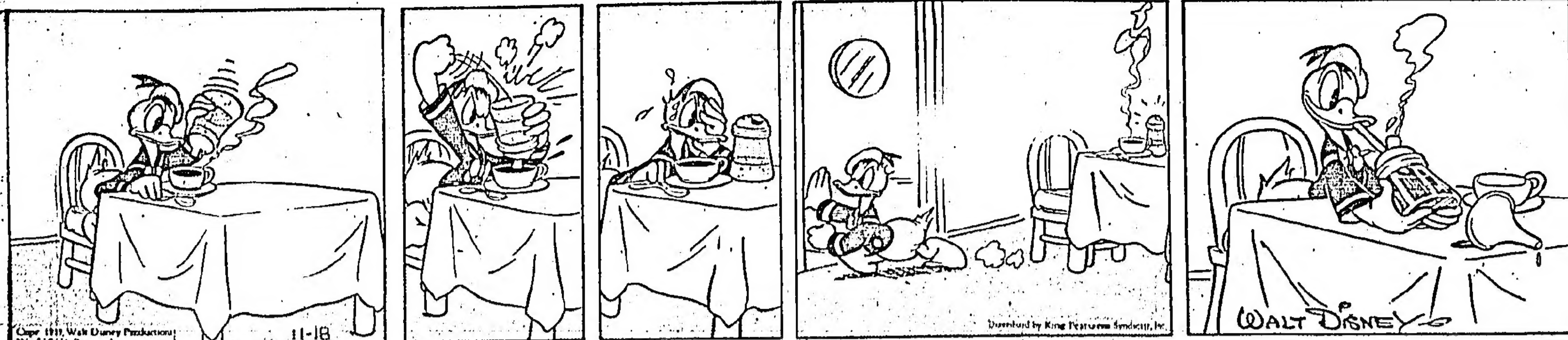
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### INSIDE NEWS

Mussolini has called for a report on progress of the Brenner fortifications on the German frontier, begun some months ago. He is taking no chances.

Nazi experts have discovered that the explosive used in the Munich bomb Hitler escaped was invented by a Jewish chemist, Gabriel Emmerich, who committed suicide in Dachau camp after Himmler had interned him.

The explosive is known as No. 17. Its formula was found among Emmerich's effects, tried out by experts and kept in reserve. It was used for the first time in the Munich bomb.

Gestapo is trying to discover how the secret leaked out.

Hitler's faith in astrology has been shaken. His favourite seer, Dr. Huber, is in a concentration camp.

For six months almost all Huber's prognostications have gone wrong. He supported Ribbentrop in forecasting that Britain would not fight. He also said the stars foretold Balkan diplomatic successes. Then Turkey went pro-Allies.

His fall came when, in a published horoscope, he compared Hitler with Wallenstein, great General in the Thirty Years' War. Thousands of readers wrote pointing out Wallenstein was murdered by his own officers. This so angered Hitler that Himmler acted.

### Gas Corps Work

PARIS—French women are busy in the formation of a new corps for war service. Their efforts have the full approval of the "passive defence" authorities.

The new corps is destined for special work during gas attack. It consists of some 180 women and is not likely to expand to much larger dimensions since its requirements are stringent.

The corps is composed of motor drivers and chemists, and both will work in an emergency under the direct orders of the police.

French women are at this time

showing themselves in no way lacking in courage. Although warned that the towns and countryside of their eastern frontiers offer the most precarious living conditions, they refuse to leave them so long as any possibility of useful work remains to be done there. From all over the country come offers of help from women who are ready to leave places of comparative safety in order to undertake work made necessary by war conditions.

A corps of auxiliary airwomen has been set up in Paris. Members of the French Legion d'Honneur have opened a bureau at which are received offers from women for all kinds of war work.

## FRENCH LAY GLASS AS TRAP FOR NAZIS

By SEFTON DELMER,  
Daily Express War Reporter

### WITH THE FRENCH ARMY.

OVER on the little bit of front which I watched, the Germans took not the slightest notice of the coming-of-age of Armistice Day, and, from what I hear from other sectors, they don't seem to have let off the burst of strafing we had all rather expected from them for 11 a.m. November 11, 1939, seventieth day of the new war.

## Ex-Kaiser "banned" gas bombs

GAS bombs were not dropped on London in the last war because the Kaiser forbade it at the last moment—so says Mr. Edward J. Bing, journalist, soldier and traveller in his autobiography "Of the Meek and the Mighty."

In Berlin, after the war, a former Zeppelin commander told him the Germans had perfected a deadly gas bomb.

"And why was it never used?" asked Mr. Bing.

"Well," said the commander, "my Zeppelin was provided with the bombs immediately the invention was completed, and I had orders to drop them on London."

### Just In Time

"We were all set to take off, and I was just going into the gondola when a phone call came through from me-from-Spa."

"G.H.Q. this end. That Captain O.Z. Glad I got you in time. You are on no account to take those gas bombs with you. S.M. (for Seine Majesty), His Majesty, meaning the Kaiser) wishes them to be left behind."

The commander said he was also ordered to use the bombs on Verdun, and again the Kaiser said "No" at the last moment.

Once the officer was just off to bomb a house three miles behind the French lines in which it was known King George V, Marshal Joffre, and Mr. Lloyd George or Mr. Asquith were staying, when he was told the command had been cancelled.

Once more it was "S.M.'s orders." Reason given by the German officer: "The Kaiser is deeply religious."

I stood beside the solitary guard left behind the sandbagged parapet at the French end of the Strasbourg-Kehl bridge.

Along the barrel of his machine-gun I squinted down the black iron bridge which I have crossed so often, past the broken bottles at the French end—"If they try to come up in the night we shall hear them crunching in the glass"—past the two barbed wire barricades, the first French, the second German, to the German blockhouse and sandbagged parapet at the other end.

Nothing moved there. There was no sound. Only the Rhine kept swirling swollen, yellow and dirty, under the bridge.

The mist hid what was behind the Customs House. (Wonder whether they've left the Turkish bath ne-elimatisation arrangement of the pictures in the Customs House—Goering to greet you as you enter, Hitler in main room to hot you, and Himmler as a cold shower to send you off into Nazi Germany.)

Then, just as I heard the voice of the captain, "Fixed. Present arms" at the bridge guard posted outside, the mist lifted a bit on the other bank and I saw them to the left of the bridge in front of a yellow villa on the Rhine edge.

Two figures were bobbing under a piece of camouflaged tarpaulin—two German soldiers in the dirty grey of their fatigue dress.

They scuttled down a shallow communication—trench—and were gone. Deep and clear came the captain's voice from behind me: "Soldiers," he said, "twenty-one years ago to-day Fritz surrendered."

"Now he has forced war on us again. Once more we shall force him to surrender. The valour of those who fought him and defeated him before lives on. The valour of the soldiers of France, Britain, the United States and our other Allies."

"It is their example we shall follow, we and our British comrades. As we stand here to-day facing the same enemy that they faced, we vow that those who fell in those four years shall not have fought and died in vain."

Across the Rhine the two Germans popped out again as the tarpaulin flapped. They had stayed. From somewhere near them started up the grinding noise of a concrete mixer making cement for another bit of fortification.

The soldiers behind me stood to attention grim and silent. Listening to the present, thinking of the past, promising for the future.

Then again came the captain's command. The soldiers' rifles slipped back to their shoulders. A minute later they were back once more in their positions—guarding their bridge, which still connects Germany with France.

They watched, but not a shot was fired. As a matter of fact, here at Strasbourg-on-the-Rhine, the only guns that go off are the anti-aircraft guns firing at reconnaissance planes which, day after day, make their patrols up and down the river.

So far, little has made no attempt to bombard Strasbourg. It would not be healthy for him if he did. The French have their artillery, too.

But although things are quiet here for the moment, their's none willing

to bet they will stay that way. Strasbourg has been emptied of its 200,000 inhabitants—ready for the worst.

Only a thousand remain, brave men and women who have stayed or to see that their town stays clean while it waits for its fate.

It was my second visit to Strasbourg since the evacuation. But still it had the same effect on me. I have seen plenty of deserted towns in my time, but never one that was not in ruins, not in process of being looted either by its own defenders or the enemy.

Strasbourg is clean, fresh and intact. Shop windows still show their wares. I felt sick watching the sweepers at work on the fallen leaves in the clean, empty streets, the workmen at the cathedral entrance, protective covering against shell splinters on the Gothic masonry, the filling in clean white paper in place of the stained ones they had removed from its tall windows.

It was like seeing a beautiful woman dressed to face the guillotine.

Some day Strasbourg may be shelled as a punishment for a German reverse.

## Merle Oberon Surprise

NEW YORK—Merle Oberon and her husband, Alexander Korda, puzzled Hollywood recently by issuing a joint statement saying: "We don't know whether everything is all right or not."

Later Mr. Korda said: "Everything is all right; I don't want to talk now." Still later, Merle said: "Everything is NOT all right; we're going to talk it over."

Mr. Korda arrived in New York with the British film "The Lion Has Wings." Miss Oberon has been over here for a month. They were married last June in the town hall of Antibes, on the Riviera.

## 100 New Warships For Navy

75 for Nazis

THE British Navy will be strengthened in the coming months by 100 first-class warships, and the German Navy by seventy-three, according to details in the new issue of Jane's Fighting Ships.

The British programme, says Fighting Ships (Sampson and Low, 52s. 6d.), is:

Battlehips	9	Destroyers	23
Aircraft carriers	6	Submarines	13
Cruisers	23	Escort vessels	24
Minelayers	4		

The German programme is given as:

Battlehips	4	Destroyers	30
Aircraft carriers	2	Torpedo boats	30
Heavy cruisers	3	Submarines	28(?)
Light cruisers	4		

Four of the British battleships are launched, and are due for completion early next year.

Two German battleships were launched last spring after being three years on the stocks. They may not be completed before 1941.

The total of U-boats building only represents those known to be in hand last summer. Many more have been ordered since, but none of this new construction, to judge by the details in Fighting Ships, can be delivered before next August.

Russia's Fleet  
The twenty-eight boats under construction this summer are all that the Germans can add to their fleet in the next few months.

Russia has the biggest submarine force in the world, the figures given being 150 completed and twenty building. A large proportion of these are in the Far East.

America is building the world's largest aircraft carrier—the Hornet. She will cost £3,350,000, will carry eighty-three planes, with space for stowing another seventeen, and will house 2,072 officers and men. The Hornet will thus have forty machines and 500 crew more than the British Ark Royal.

## CARADOC FUELLING Challenged By U.S. Senator

WASHINGTON (AP).—Senator Rush D. Holt has demanded that the United States Navy give a "complete explanation" of why the British light cruiser Caradoc was allowed to load fuel at the San Diego Calif. naval depot recently. Before the war H.M.S. Caradoc was attached to China Station.

Senator Holt, member of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, said "there should be some exceptional reason for allowing armed warships of a belligerent to come into an American port, load oil and then depart." He added that "it appears some public officials are trying to get this country involved."

Chairman Sol Bloom of the House Foreign Affairs Committee told reporters that "the Senator is unduly alarmed and I think he'll get a satisfactory answer" from acting Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison.

Mr. Bloom called attention to a section of the neutrality act allowing belligerent warships to enter American harbours. Under that section they must leave within 24 hours after taking aboard only enough fuel to carry them to the closest port of their country.

The Caradoc left San Diego presumably for the Canadian base at Esquimaux, B.C.

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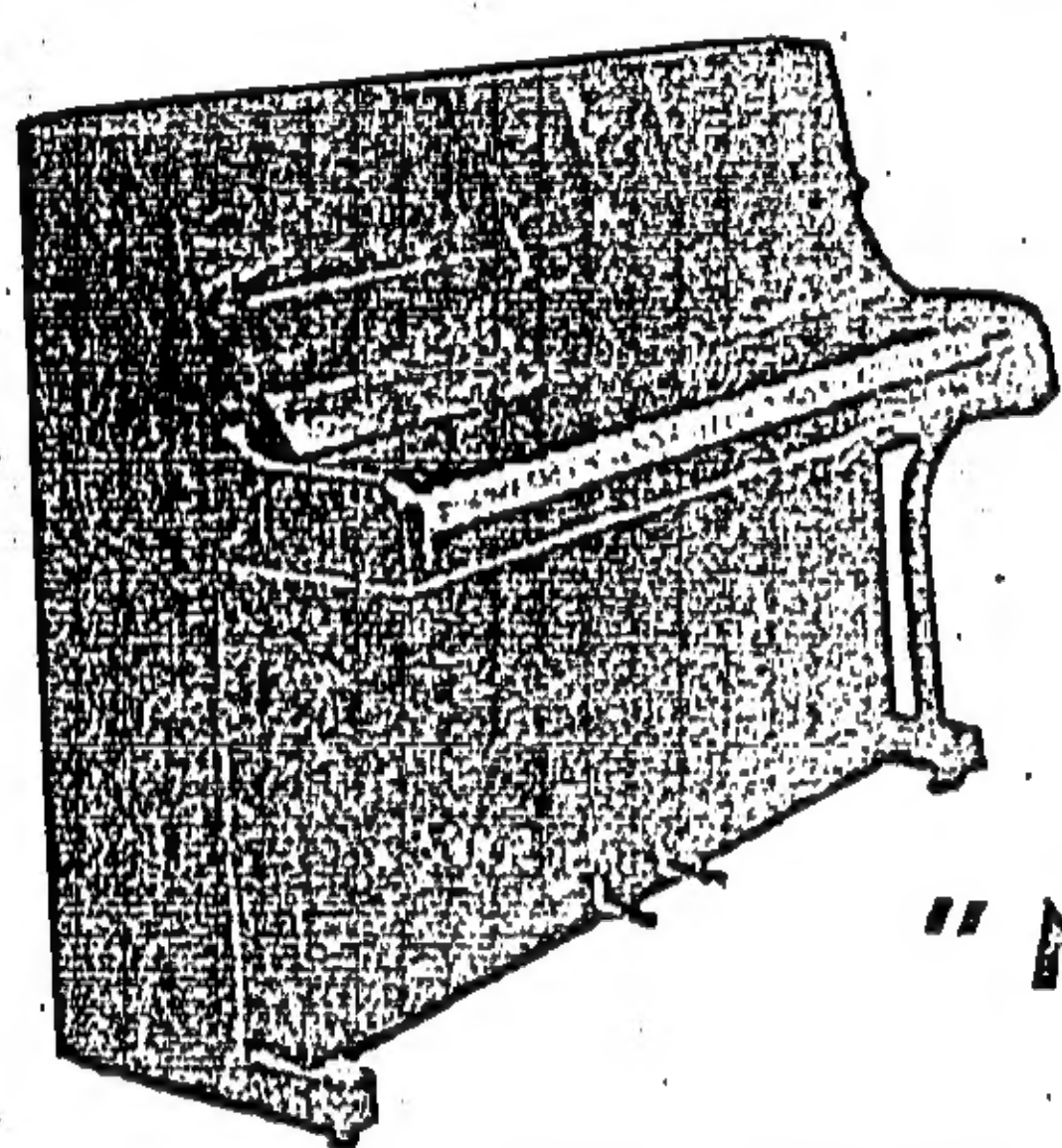
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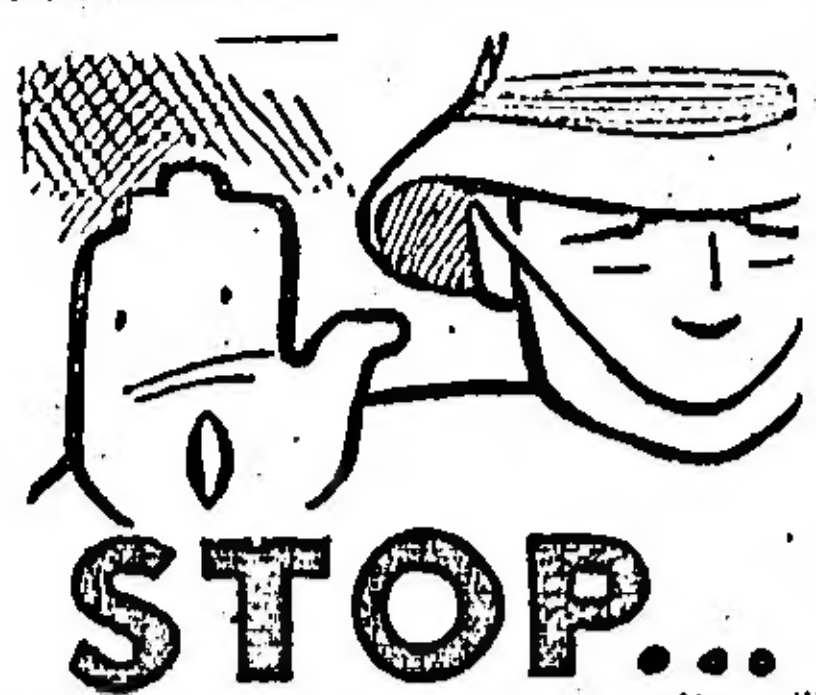
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#### The Military Moustache

IT seems that, as a result of their being called up for service in the army, the youth of Britain are showing an increased tendency to cultivate the moustache. Not one of a very luxuriant variety; for, although the military authorities are not inclined to split hairs at this point, anything in the nature of a "walrus" or a "sea-lion" might be frowned on. It is the clapper "tooth-brush" that is the hair-apparent of those mighty beards that once waved at-Balaklava-and-Lucknow—in the days before the gas-mask had come and left the unshaven chin bristling with difficulties.

Perhaps there is some significance to be seen in this evolution of the military countenance. For the fierce aspect of the "old moustache," and the rude, uncouth appearance bestowed by a shaggy mane, were once held, no doubt, to be symbols of the soldier's nature; but it is plain that little of this earlier concept of him lingers, if one may judge from the lip-service it receives.

#### Eros—Evacuee

One of London's most famous figures recently appeared on the list of "evacuees," when the statue of Eros was removed from Piccadilly Circus. It was a very high compliment; for although His Majesty's Office of Works has sent James II into exile, taken away from the House of Commons a bust of Cromwell, and erected a scaffold for Charles I in Whitehall, this time to protect him, it has left the rest of London's statues to stand their ground unsheltered.

The average Londoner takes little exception to this since he has always had a feeling that "they'd none of them be missed." But this does not apply to Eros. Eros made a pleasant contrast to those eminent gentlemen who "sleep in dull, cold marble" all over London's squares, but who, wrapped in their frock coats, or frogged uniforms, are, in the Londoner's view, so far from being sleeping beauties.

The city evidently recognised the fact: it would much rather have seen the captains and the kings depart, not to mention the politicians, and it paid Eros a tribute that it seldom pays to them—it looked at him. He conquered not only its attention, but its affection; and although when peace returns, the Stuarts may enjoy another Restoration, they will hardly receive such an ovation as will conquering Eros.

## BLOCKADE NEWS REEL

A GLANCE at the map will show you why Napoleon, more than a century ago, cursed the geographical situation of Great Britain, why Hitler curses that same inescapable fact to-day.

The heavy lines show the sea routes by which in peace-time industrialised, urbanised Germany receives her main imports of iron ore, wool, oil, cotton, wheat, coffee, fruit, butter, coal, timber, copper and tin from the U.S.A., Argentine, Brazil, India, China and Japan.

To reach Germany all the North and South Atlantic sea routes must converge into two main traffic lines, both dominated by the British Navy. The northern routes must pass somewhere between the 250-mile span between Northern Scotland and Southern Norway, the southern routes must pass up the English Channel, through the 20-mile Straits of Dover. Those 270 miles control 85 per cent. of Germany's overseas trade routes, and those 270 miles are controlled by Britain.

Further South, the great Mediterranean trade routes can also be controlled by the Allied navies from several bases. At Suez, Malta and Gibraltar vessels can be inspected for contraband.

#### HOW BLOCKADE WORKS

During the last war the blockade of Germany was maintained by the 10th Cruiser Squadron. At its maximum strength this included 20 armed merchant cruisers, comprising ships of the Allan, White Star, Orient, Anchor, P. & O., Union Castle, Royal Mail, Furness Withy, Elders & Fyffes and other lines.

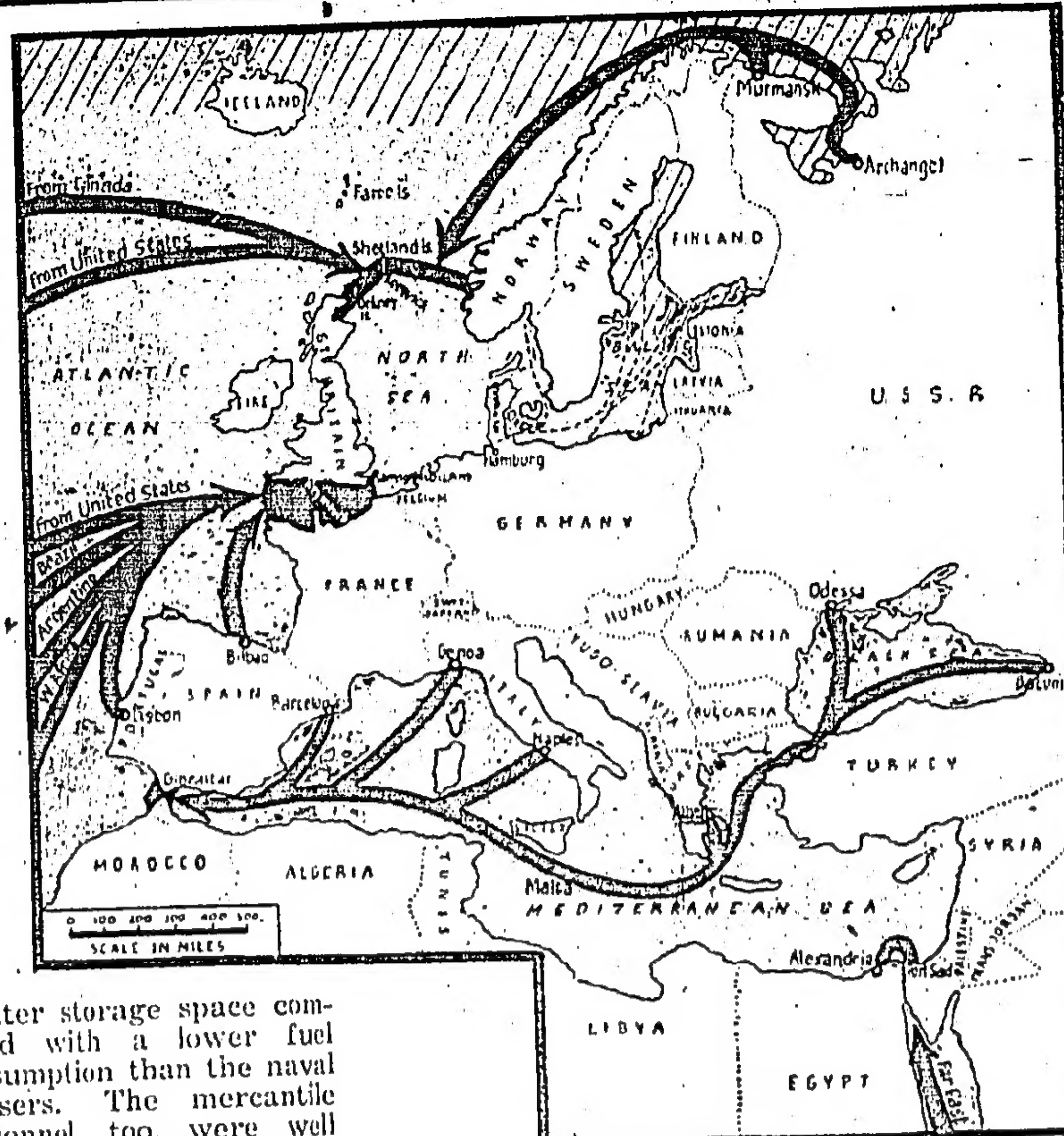
These were commanded by naval officers, but otherwise the personnel was mainly R.N.R. (ex-mercantile). Experience during the first few months of the blockade proved these to be much better suited for such work than the old naval cruisers employed at the beginning. This procedure not only released naval men for strictly naval duties, but the merchant cruisers had

greater storage space combined with a lower fuel consumption than the naval cruisers. The mercantile personnel, too, were well trained in spotting other merchant vessels, and any odd features about these vessels.

These merchant cruisers were armed with 6in. and 3in. guns, and their fuelling capacity enabled them to stay at sea for periods varying up to 30 days. Vessels were divided into patrols which covered the whole area from Iceland to the Hebrides, and as ice prevents ships from passing north of Iceland for several months of the year it was only necessary to keep that section patrolled during the summer months. In the map above, the scored area represents the extent of the ice during the winter months.

As a general rule ships were about 30 miles apart, since visibility for the lookout in the crow's nest was usually about 15 miles. Zig-zag courses were always steered to guard against submarine attack, and the general rate of steaming was 15 knots. In the centre of the line what was known as an "in and out patrol" was maintained.

Ships would steam in line abreast (i.e. on parallel courses) along the tracks of



shipping for 30 or 40 miles in one direction, and then for a similar distance in the reverse direction. During the hours of darkness all ships would steam to the eastward, and during daylight to the westward, thus preventing vessels slipping through the cordon at night.

Ships nearer the extremity of the line would maintain what was known as a cross patrol, steaming backwards and forwards in line ahead, across the track of shipping; for a similar distance to the "in and out" patrols.

#### FIGURES OF SUCCESS

Throughout the period this patrol was in operation, only 4 per cent. of the merchant ships crossing the Atlantic managed to avoid the blockade. During the heaviest week recorded 156 ships were boarded and 58 sent into port for examination. Two armed raiders succeeded in getting through disguised as neutral merchantmen; but two were detected and sunk.

From May 1, 1918, the blockade was maintained by a huge minefield laid between Norway and the Ork-

neys. Immediately behind it, and in the Fair Island channel, hundreds of destroyers, patrol vessels, trawlers and other small craft, fitted with anti-submarine devices, were constantly on patrol.

#### CONTRABAND CONTROL

In the English Channel the blockade was a comparatively simple procedure. To-day, control stations are established at Weymouth, Ramsgate and Lerwick (in the Shetland Islands). To these control stations all vessels suspected of carrying contraband to German ports are conducted for examination.

Prize Courts in the last war were sitting from September, 1914, and did not conclude their work until long after the signature of peace. Up to March 31, 1920, the amount which had passed through the Registry of the Court was £21,254,412; and up to March 31, 1938, £6,770,927 was paid out to the Naval Prize Fund for distribution among the personnel of the Royal Navy and those who were attached to it during the Great War.

## The Allies Were Aryans Once

ONE of these days some one will ask Herron Goebbels and Streicher who introduced the Aryan theory into Germany. Then there will be a rumour. The Aryan theory is the most remarkable—and, as it has turned out, dangerous—accident, for which we are not entirely blameless. The French invented it; we made it popular; and introduced it to Germany; and there it was firmly planted in patriotic minds by a Jewish philosopher.

That is awkward for the National Socialists, but quite, quite true.

It all began like this. Not so long ago we Europeans knew nothing about the languages of India, and when Sir William Jones, a celebrated philologist, went to that country on Government business he took the trouble to learn Sanskrit, which gave him the clue to the origin of a big group of European languages—English, German,

Icelandic and a host of others among them.

These languages are now called Indo-European or Indo-Germanic; but Sir William translated the Sanskrit term quite innocently by the word Aryan, and then the trouble began.

A number of ethnologists and self-styled anthropologists got hold of these Sanskrit researches and jumped to the conclusion that if people speak similar languages you can say they belong to one race.

In 1855 Count Joseph de Gobineau, an enthusiastic and eccentric Frenchman, wrote a book called "Essay on the Inequality of the Human Races," which, as the title suggests, tried to prove that one so-called race—the Aryan race—was the greatest in the world.

The book caused much discussion in France and England. It was very nice for every one to think that the belonged to the chosen race. The Prussian Mini-

ster in Britain, Baron Bunsen, took up the theory with enthusiasm and passed it on to his pupil, Max Muller, for many years a professor at Oxford. In France the Aryan race was eventually identified by de Lapouge with the Nordic group (originating near the Baltic).

Max Muller plugged the Aryan theory for forty years, and then at length realised that he had been barking up the wrong tree. Just fifty years ago he wrote: "I have declared again and again that if I say Aryans, I mean neither blood nor bones, nor hair, nor skull; I mean simply those who speak an Aryan language."

And Yiddish has a good claim to be "considered an Aryan language. That was why Moses Mendelssohn, Jewish-German philosopher, took up the Aryan theory and introduced it to German scholars.

By the time the German uni-

taken theory the English had got over it and the French were laughing at de Gobineau and de Lapouge. Unfortunately, the German nationalist movement absorbed it with a vengeance.

Gustav Kossinna, Prussian nationalist, appointed himself Aryan historian of the German people and tried to prove that "history was pre-eminently a German national science," though no one could imagine why history should be a national science save Kossinna's followers.

But due to the national science appeared on the title-page of the second edition of his book. It was dated: "On the day of general mobilisation, 1914."

And on the same day a group of young Prussians formed a corps with a new standard—the swastika.



## OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

### DREAM REALISED

#### Pope Visits King And Queen Of Italy

Rome, Dec. 28. The bells of St. Peter's pealed as the Pope left the Vatican this morning for the visit to the King and Queen at the Quirinal.

The visit, which was the first made by any Pope to the King of Italy for 60 years, is regarded as the final act sealing the settlement of the ancient dispute between the Italian State and the Vatican. In the Vatican newspaper *Osservatore Romano*, the significance of the visit as a demonstration of settlement of the dispute by peaceful methods is especially emphasized.

The Royal mission awaited His Holiness in St. Peter's Square to convey to him the first greetings of King Victor Emmanuel. The Pope and suite then entered 10 cars which formed the Papal cortege. At the border between the Vatican and Italian territory, the Pope was greeted by the Governor of Rome, who made a short address stressing the historical importance of the occasion.

The route taken by the Pope was elaborately decorated and lined with troops, behind whom stood great crowds waiting to see the procession. The Pope, wearing a scarlet hat and a black cape, beneath which was a white cloak and stole. Over 40 high dignitaries of the Church and Papal Court were in the procession.

At the Papal cortege approached the Palace, the married band played the Papal March. Italian National Anthem and the Fascist hymn, *Gloria Imperia*. The Pope was received at the Palace by the King and Queen, with whom were the Heir to the Throne, the Prince of Piedmont and Princess Clotilde, and Count and Countess Clotilde. His Holiness and the King and Queen then entered the Throne Room, where three thrones had been set up, and remained some time in conversation.

The Cardinals mixed freely in the ante-room with the Court dignitaries. Over the Quirinal the Papal flag and Royal Standard of Italy flew side by side.

#### Long Talk With King

Rome, Dec. 28. The Pope talked with the King and Queen for 35 minutes. Afterwards His Holiness received the Italian Papal Court and in an address praised the Italo-Vatican friendship. *United Press.*

#### Important Address

Rome, Dec. 28. It is stated that the Pope delivered an address to the King and Queen which is described as "very warm and very important."

On his return to the Vatican, the Pope drove in an open car despite the rain. In the front of the car, the Governor of Rome and the Royal delegation again rendered homage, while the Italian Guard and Papal Guard presented arms. *Reuter.*

#### Mussolini To See Pope

Vatican City, Dec. 28. It is officially stated that Signor Mussolini will visit the Pope on January 4. Church quarters announcing the visit described it as a "visit of homage." *United Press.*

#### Germany Displeased

Amsterdam, Dec. 28. It is learned from Berlin that the activities of the Pope are being watched with particular attention in Germany.

While the German Press is not likely to criticize the rapprochement of the Vatican and the Italian Government, a statement is thought, will be regarded with some apprehension by Nazi political circles. The Pope's Christmas address, according to the Berlin correspondent of the *Rotterdamse Courant*, was received in Germany with little approval.

While the desire for a new order in Europe is thoroughly appreciated, His Holiness' remarks are thought, imply criticism of Germany's war methods, which are fully justified in the opinion of German circles, and the alleged intention of Britain and France to annihilate Germany is regarded in these circles as a sufficient means to bring doubters over to Hitler's side.

The appointment by President Roosevelt of a personal representative to the Vatican is also regarded with doubt by Germany, which sees in this a critical election move on the part of the President. *Reuter.*

#### No Official Comment

London, Dec. 28. It is reported from Copenhagen that the Berlin correspondent of the *National Tidende* states it is believed in some quarters of the German capital that the object of the negotiations between the Vatican and the Italian Government is to develop a stronger front against Communism and to reply to the continued and reinforced efforts of Moscow to carry through a Bolshevik world revolution. The matter, however, is regarded as one of internal policy as far as Italy is concerned and calls for no official comment. *Reuter.*

### Sea Battle Heard

HAGUESUND, Dec. 28 (UP).—At several points on the west coast yesterday, cannon fire was audible from the North Sea. Details are lacking but the inhabitants believe there has been a sea battle, because German naval units are said to be in that area.

## DUBLIN TENSION

### Search For I.R.A. Saboteurs

DUBLIN, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—An armed military cordon still ringed the city to-night as Police and troops continued the search for the ammunition stolen from Phoenix Park on Saturday. Twenty arrests have already been made.

The search goes on only in the capital, but in the woods and lanes of the counties of Wicklow and Wexford, fields and hedges of estates are thoroughly combed.

#### City Completely Cordoned

In Dublin, military patrols continued to search all cars entering and leaving the city, which is so completely cordoned that it is impossible to enter or leave without passing through at least one patrol. All pedestrians carrying cases are stopped and searched, and in the country districts the quest is even more thorough, for everyone, whether walking or cycling, has to submit to an examination and explain where they have come from and where they are going.

#### Government Reward Offer

DUBLIN, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Government is offering a reward of £1,000 for information leading to the recovery of the stolen ammunition. Substantial rewards will be paid in respect of any portion of the ammunition.

The number of arrests is now estimated at 30.

## EXETER'S CASUALTY LISTS

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Telegraphist M. T. Kavanagh, Stoker (1st class) A. E. Kelly, Telegraphist A. R. Lumsden, Stoker (1st class) W. MacLeod, Stoker (1st class) G. Manning, Corporal W.G.L. Marsh, A. B. P. H. McDonnell, Marine E. Mill, Stoker (2nd class) C. Monte, A. B. T. H. Naylor, Stoker (1st class) D. J. O'Leary, Telegraphist D. J. Parry, Stoker (1st class) B. T. Pett, Leading Supply Assistant L. W. Pullybank, Chief Yeoman Signals T. Rieck, A. B. D. Richards, Leading Seaman G. Richards, Telegraphist A. S. Righer, Electrician (1st class) R. J. Small, Boy (1st class) E. B. Squire, Stoker Petty Officer R. M. Steele, Marine A. Stubbs, Telegraphist R. W. Taylor, Stoker (1st class) J. E. Thompson, Stoker Petty Officer G. P. Tovey, Chief Petty Officer A. P. Tregidga, Stoker (1st class) P. Wilson.

#### Died Of Wounds

Chief Petty Officer W. A. Alinge, Leading Stoker E. I. George, A. B. L. C. Hill, Acting Leading Seaman A. V. Phillips, A. B. H. Spencer.

#### Missing, Believed Killed

Chief Stoker S. B. P. Tengeue.

## Japanese Rearmament Project

Tokyo, Dec. 28. Speaking at a conference of Central executives of the Army, General Sanzoku Ito, the War Minister, today declared that the Army has formulated a four-year rearmament plan in accordance with "absolute necessities" in connection with the accomplishment of the current campaign, to cope with the changing international situation and to insure the national defence against future crises.

The War Minister revealed that while the budget to finance the projected rearmament will be submitted for approval to the Diet, an understanding has already been reached with the Government regarding the financing of the plan.

"As you know the prospect of disposing of the China Affair is still remote as it is attended by many difficulties and all members of the nation are earnestly requested to live up to their firm determination and great patience and effectively participate in the campaign involving the general mobilization of national resources."

"At a moment when no optimism is permitted with regard to the adjustment of Japan's relations with various foreign Powers, the Imperial Army is in a position to act as the principal support for the general national campaign, and by tackling the difficult situation with a strict attitude and firm determination to come up to the august wishes of the

# Russian Attacks Again Repulsed

## New Troops Thrown Into Fray By The Soviets

Helsinki, Dec. 27.

The official Finnish communiqué states that the Russians yesterday launched an attack at noon north of Lake Latjolahti but were repulsed. The Russians are still trying to cross the Suvanto River.

## HIGH COST OF TROOPS

### Belgium Finds It A Severe Burden

BRUSSELS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The expense of keeping troops mobilized was stressed by the Premier, M. Pierlot, speaking in the Senate to-day when he declared that the Government could not accept any amendments to the financial proposals already adopted by the Chamber which would have the effect of reducing revenue from the new taxes contained in them.

Fears Belgium May Lose Out. "I am very much afraid that the result of the inter-Allied struggle between her neighbours and Belgium is the loss of her capital even if she is not called upon to give her blood. There are some people who show indifference when they are faced with danger or who appear to ignore it completely."

Keeping troops continually in a state of mobilization is an expensive matter and the cost ought to be met by an internal loan, for money borrowed abroad would be too dear, especially in view of the present conditions.

The sacrifices which every Belgian is called upon to make are enormous, but safety is what our country demands of them."

## FINNISH INVASION OF U.S.S.R. MEETS SUCCESS

(Continued from Page 1.)

materials in their retreat, while the last reports from the southern front stated that the Soviet attacks on the Mannerheim Line and in the south-east have been repulsed.

Snow-fell in Helsinki to-day and as the storm seems to be general, little activity is likely.

Fighting On Ice. SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". HELSINKI, Dec. 28 (UP).—It has been officially stated that the Finnish troops wiped out two Russian companies in fierce hand-to-hand fighting on the ice on Lake Savanto in the Karelian Isthmus area on Wednesday.

Fighting also continues in Russian territory east of Lieska on the east central Russo-Finnish frontier and in the Arvi sector. The official announcement said the Russians for the first time succeeded in crossing the mile-wide Lake Suvanto but strong Finnish counter attacks drove them back. The Russians were also driven back on the frontier north of Lieska and again at four points between Etelälahti and Summa and at two points between Summa and Muihijärvi.

Russian planes strafed civilians in Wednesday's air raids over the southern sectors.

It has also been officially confirmed that nine Russian planes were shot down during Wednesday's raids. Latest reports indicate that there was fighting yesterday and Wednesday north of Suomussalmi around Lake Tiantjärvi.

## American Admiral Dies In Brooklyn

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP).—The Navy Department announces the death of Rear Admiral Julius C. Townsend, 60, at the Brooklyn Naval Hospital.

Admiral Townsend was Commandant of the Fourth Naval District Headquarters at Philadelphia at the time of his death.

## DANISH STEAMER SUNK BY MINE

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Danish steamer, *Hanne*, 1,080 tons, was sunk by a mine off the north-east coast to-day.

Empire on the one hand and respond to the confidence the nation is placing in them. "It is also necessary to make complete preparations in advance and put various plans into practice in a steady and unflinching manner."

A further Russian attack along the Taipale River was repulsed. To the north-east of Lieksa the enemy are retreating to the frontier in the direction of Diviara, where the Finns are advancing.

In yesterday's air raids on south Finland four civilians were killed and several wounded at Kotka. The total casualties for all raids has not been stated.

Eight enemy tanks were destroyed to the north of Lake Latjolahti where an enemy attack was repulsed. *United Press.*

#### New Soviet Divisions

With the Finnish Army, Dec. 28. With renewed thrusts, the Russians threw themselves again to-day on the Mannerheim Line bastions, as this "Verdun Battle" went into its fourth week. Over 270,000 fresh troops, among the Red Army's best, will be brought from the interior of Russia to be thrown into the war.

These troops will comprise three Siberian Divisions from the Arctic regions, trained to sub-zero temperatures of cold, 12 Caucasian Divisions, accustomed to snow and low temperatures, and a number of the Soviet "cannon" system. It will be some time before these forces can come into action.

Such large scale movements and the long distances require hundreds of trains and trucks. *United Press.*

#### Tanks Fall Through Ice

Copenhagen, Dec. 28. The newspaper *Aften Posten's* correspondent in Finland reported that the Finns had been cut off and forced to surrender an unspecified number of Russians on the Salla front.

Russian tanks broke through the ice during an attempt to cross the Suvanto Lake. Some of the crews were drowned. In the far north Soviet tanks were bogged and became miniature fortresses, which the crews are holding against the Finnish onslaught.

The correspondent "said the place where 250 volunteer Finn skiers crossed the frontier was east of Salla. They were heading for the Murmansk railroad near Kandelikana." *United Press.*

#### Small States Reply

Geneva, Dec. 28. Colombia, Uruguay, San Domingo and Liberia have answered the League questionnaire and re-affirmed the extension of help to Finland by all means possible. *United Press.*

#### Assistance In China

Shanghai, Dec. 28. The Chairman of the Finnish Association in China, M. N. V. Synnberg, expressed his "deep gratitude and satisfaction for the moral support shown and the splendid financial assistance extended by the Shanghai public."

He said Finland was fighting not only for her own existence but "was defending the sacred principles of liberty and freedom."

The enthusiastic response of this international city, he said, was indeed indicative, coming at a time when the League of Nations is passing through "our little country is passing."

## RATIONING AT HOME

### 12 Ounces Of Sugar Each Week

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, Dec. 28 (UP).—Britain will start sugar rations on January 8 according to an official announcement made to-day.

As from that date each person will be allowed 12 ounces sugar a week. Meat is also to be rationed in the near future, although the amounts and the date from which the rationing will start, are yet to be revealed.

Bacon And Butter Also. LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The official sugar rationing begins in Britain on January 8 together with bacon and butter. The sugar ration will be 12 oz. per person per week.

All those in Britain must register for meat rationing by Monday week and the control of livestock begins a week later.

## Trawler Believed To Be Lost

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—H. M. trawler *Lochdon* is overdue and must be presumed to be lost, according to an Admiralty announcement. The crew numbered 10.

## Support For The Premier

TOKYO, Dec. 28 (UP).—The leaders of five political Parties which pledged their support to the Abe Cabinet have announced that they will not join the anti-administration campaign started in Tuesday by 250 Diet members, but at the same time they have issued a statement in which it is stated that no attempt will be made to ban the movement.

The Government leaders are apparently confident that the Cabinet will pull through the Diet session successfully and are therefore paying more attention to mapping out a plan to stabilise the national market. The *Yokohama Shimbun* reports that the Lord Privy Seal, Kurahara Yusa, has asked the Premier to continue his duties despite the suggestion that the Abe Cabinet will resign.

## WHERE IS GOERING?

### Nazi Chief Believed To Be In Disgrace

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—"What has happened to Field Marshal Hermann Goering?" is a question people are asking in Germany, according to reports reaching here.

The Air Minister has been almost completely absent from all Christmas festivities.

It is recalled that when Hitler and General Goebbels visited the front, Hees and Goebbels made speeches and all the other Nazi leaders made public appearances, but Goering stayed quietly at Schorfheide, his country home, and did not even appear at the Christmas party for poor children in Berlin.

At Loggerheads. But gifts were distributed on his behalf by an obscure mayor of one of the districts of the capital.

Some people in Berlin suggest that Goering is deliberately keeping himself in the background until some definite issue emerges from the present argument about policy. It is stated here that violent discussions are raging between the Party and the Army about the future conduct of the war, and Soviet relations.

These persons argue that Goering has decided to hold himself aloof until he sees his way more clearly.

Quarrel With Hitler? Rival theorists declare that Goering has already quarrelled with Hitler and is temporarily in disgrace, and is accordingly remaining behind the scenes until the trouble has blown over.

Whatever the reason for the Field Marshal's failure to participate in the war time Christmas, it is considered very strange in Germany.

## Freighter Aground Off New York

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP).—The British freighter, *City of Singapore*, sent a radio message at 10.20 a.m. to-day saying she was aground east of the Ambrose Lightship, about one mile inside the entrance to New York harbour.

Vessel Refloated. The *City of Singapore* has been refloated, says "Reuter". She was apparently not seriously damaged.

## TO DISCUSS WAR

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The South Rhodesian Minister of Justice and Defence is to visit London shortly by air for discussions on the war. The main subject of his discussions will be war finance, but it is expected that expansion of air training in Rhodesia, supply of Rhodesian products and the further use of Rhodesian fruits will also be on the agenda.

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# "Captain Foster's" Racing Review

## HAPPY VALLEY STATISTICS FOR 1939 SEASON

### Records For Dividends And Time: Encarnacao Heads Jockey List

(By "Captain Foster")

DECEMBER 16 was undoubtedly a red letter day to the Hongkong Jockey Club when a good few thousand regular followers of the turf turned up at Happy Valley to see the closing of 1939's flat racing. It was the last meet of a series of 13 Extra Race Meetings, and was without any doubt a grand success, and we have to thank Mr. Clerk of the Weather for providing a glorious sunny afternoon.

History was made in the fifth event, the Tardy Handicap over a mile for "B" class China ponies (first leg of the daily double), when the race club took in a colossal aggregate sum of \$131,790 from the four betting counters and they were made up as follows:

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Plus carried over 1,706 chances \$5	8,530
	<b>\$131,790</b>

I said in my last that the carrying over of the daily double pool was a consolation to those punters who failed to connect the second leg at the previous meeting, but one never expected to see the sale amounting to 11,528 chances. The gamble represented a turnover of \$57,640 which racegoers wanted to kill the fatted calf of \$7,623.

However, as the Club anticipated a big sale, and the cash sweep booth reserved for members was employed to meet the heavy demand, but the two counters were inadequate to cope the rush. As a matter of fact, long before the weighing-in of the previous event, the Hongkong Autumn Sub-Girls' Champions, was finished, the sale had already commenced, and the "head over heels" scramble was so great that the Stewards ordered a twenty minutes delay of the running of the first leg of the daily double.

Under the category of win and place, the sale of tickets for the Tardy Handicap was 5,320 and 5,484 respectively, which summed together would give a total of only 10,804 as against 11,528 chances taken for the first leg, and in the circumstances it will be seen that the public took more interest in the Daily Double than in the pari-mutuel betting.

#### HANDICAPPER ONE UP

A COMPLIMENTARY word or two must be recorded, the handicapper, who had a pretty point to decide in weighting together the ponies that ran in each division of the Sussex Handicap, for Oak Bay, who was always in the second section, nearly landed a coup. Mr. Stanton's grey old stealer succumbed to "New Star" by a short head, and there were only 250 tickets on Oak Bay as against 2,776 on New Star. It was certainly a close shave.

Potential, the red hot favourite, disappointed the public to the extent of 3,025 chances, but Mr. Encarnacao made amends in the second leg, riding a fine race on Rice Square. It may not be known that six chances of the first leg were not exchanged, and it would interest one to know what the holders of these tickets were doing?

A record sale of 6,701 chances for win, and 5,311 for place, was published in the closing of the Autumn Champions for the Australian ponies, when the two reached an aggregate total of 12,212 edging the sum of 12,150 sold in the Manly Handicap on June 3 last by 62 tickets.

#### RECORD OF FINISHES

THERE WERE actually (including the Annual Carnival) 21 days of racing, and 107 heats were contested during the year under review. Racing was always of very high standard with plenty of thrills and exciting finishes.

I have taken a little patience to segregate the minutiae of defeats with the following results:

Dead Heat	4	morrow, at Ripley valley;	
Short Head	17	E. Zimmerman (Capt. P. J. Billington	
A Head	5	A. Nantz, E. A. Lee, H. J. Femall,	
A Neck	22	A. T. Lee, E. A. Lee, H. J. Lim, G. Soura	
1/4 Length	22	C. Winch, E. Zimmerman, Umpire G.	
1/2 Length	23	Ladd, W. W. Wootter, H. J. Femall.	
3/4 Length	3		
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do	30	Orsillo, W. A. Reed, A. P. Jewells, L. G.	
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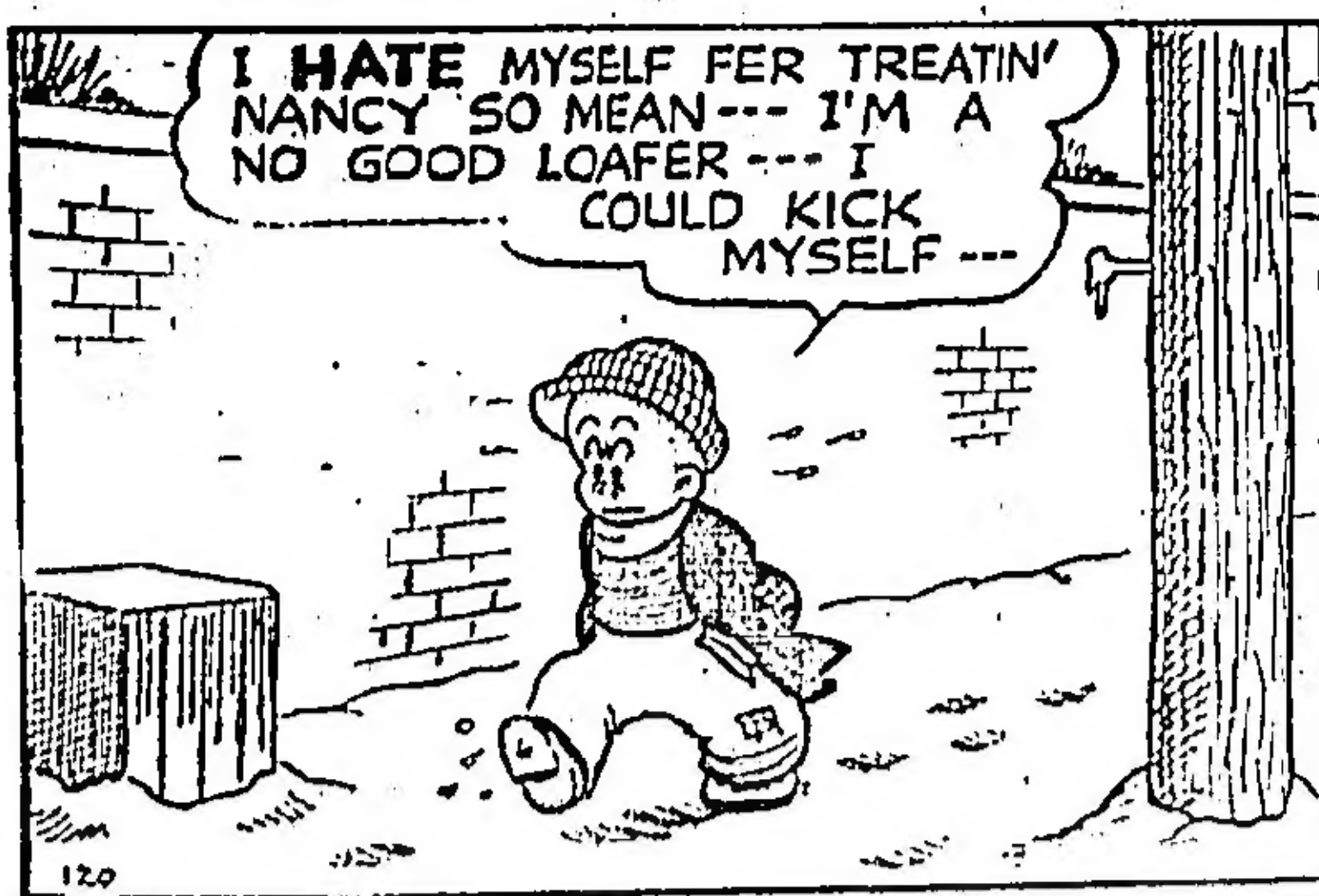








## NANCY

German Machines  
To Fight Hitler

I HAVE just seen some of Britain's devices which will take the "blitz" out of Hitler's blitzkrieg, should he attempt to launch it against this country.

They were being made in a factory whose peace-time products gave delight to the ear and eye.

## MARRIED

Third Time  
TO HIS  
First Wife

MR. ARCHIBALD FORRESTDALE DOWIE, fifty-eight, a stockbroker, was married for the third time at Caxton Hall Register Office last month—to his first wife, now aged fifty-seven.

Their first marriage was dissolved and each married again.

Mr. Dowie became a widower, and his first wife's second marriage was dissolved.

In preparing for the transformation before war broke out, the company did not hesitate to install some German machinery.

As a consequence, ponderous, complicated pieces of machinery labelled Berlin or Hamburg, are now being used to turn out weapons of war. Hitler is hoist with his own petard.

Among these weapons I saw fearsome monsters on wheels with huge mechanical ears which will pick up the whirr of an enemy plane miles away.

That aeroplane is going to be in trouble when it comes within detection range of this almost human robot.

Automatically the monster signals to the nearby anti-aircraft guns the aeroplane's precise position, and, in a matter of seconds, the shells will be bursting round the invader.

The four-eyed monster has been given eyes, also, which will see that enemy aircraft at night, for attached to it is a searchlight of 10,000,000 candle power.

As soon as the ears have picked out the aeroplane the searchlight moves to the required angle and

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shoots out its dazzling beam to the exact spot in the skies where the ears have heard the sound.

The aeroplane is trapped. The eyes and ears have given the anti-aircraft gunners their target.

## LETTERS

Hongkong Working  
Artists' Guild Appeal

To the Editor,

The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—The Hongkong Working Artists' Guild thus last year, the work of over four years is bearing good fruit. I am making this our first public appeal for financial aid, at the suggestion of Sir Robert Kotewall.

Two and a half years ago Sir Anson Chidecock, who had taken great interest in the Guild as a centre of fellowship between artists, and especially of reciprocity between Eastern and Western Art, expressed the hope in his first letter to the Guild that the Guild should not be allowed to die for want of support. At that time the lean hot months were ahead, when there would be few to use the co-operative studio, then in its second year; and a veritable exodus of workers and supporters was taking place.

Sir Robert, not only sponsored contributions from a group of twenty, several of whom were members of the Legislative Council, to enable us to make good, but he also suggested that we should certainly have perished, as the Sino-Japanese war broke our aim almost immediately afterwards, and he volunteered to extend our help.

Whereas originally we had arranged exhibitions to make known to the public, and to market, the work of individual artists, we had now to extend our help to the work of the Guild, which was now a charity, being largely or in part in aid of Red Cross or other help for war victims, or to assist artists who were suffering from the war.

We raised thus many hundreds of dollars, so that had we been working for ourselves, even with the modest per cent charged on sales effected through the Guild, and contributions from those using the studio, we could have kept going the work of the Guild, which was now a charity, being largely or in part in aid of Red Cross or other help for war victims, or to assist artists who were suffering from the war.

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The Guild is somewhat loosely organized. We have a banking account, with Mr. Cyril Champkin as Treasurer, and Mr. E. A. Gomerie as Hon. Secretary. Subscriptions should be sent to the latter at 16 Bleek A, Kennedy Road. Cheques should be made out to the Hongkong Working Artists' Guild. Contributions will be acknowledged in the Press. We have a small executive which changes for the various needs of our work—shows, special jobs, classes, and so on. Luis Chan, as Vice-President, undertakes everything requiring knowledge of Chinese and Chinese artists. I myself am styled President. As all management is unpaid all monies go direct to the work of the Guild. A few items regarding our activities will fully substantiate our claim to be a useful force in keeping Hongkong on the map as a centre of Art fellowship. During 1938 and 1939 we have introduced several world-famous artists here, owing to expulsion from Europe—artists unknown in the Far East—through exhibitions and sales of their works, which have aroused interest in the more modern developments of pictorial Art. We have rescued from oblivion two noteworthy Chinese artists of genius, recently dead, both by exhibition here and by sending a selection of their work to Europe and U.S.A. via Mr. Jack Chen.

At the studio we held a second series of lessons by a well-known teacher in Chinese Art for European students.

We cannot at the moment expect, as we had hoped, to get endorsement for the foundation of an international school of Art, a permanent Art Gallery, and one, for current exhibitions, which are some of our larger projects. We are however glad to see that it is proposed to erect a temporary Town Hall, which we hope may help to solve some of our trouble about exhibitions.

Meantime we keep pecking away at the formation of a teaching Centre both for the Fine Arts and for Industrial and Commercial Art. In the summer, when we expected to be able to open a regular school towards the end of the year, we secured a brilliant Director of Studies, at the forefront of the knowledge and practice of Western Art, whom nothing but a war would have brought to us, and whose teaching of basic drawing by a method entirely new to the Far East, as taught in Paris, is the best possible foundation for every form of Art.

In the Summer School have astonished by their rapid progress. War has hindered the students and the chances arranged for the summer season. In order to keep our Director with us with the depleted clientele the Guild has in faith given free use of all our resources—studio accommodation and attendance, publicity, exhibitions, and so on; and for this we have had to draw on our slender resources. We have also endeavored to help us in future organization in respect of relating the Fine Arts to life and the other Arts; we have among our members at least one Russian artist skilled in stage setting and decoration, who is prepared to assist productions gratis. An important development of Guild work is the production of Public Health posters. At the request of the Medical Authorities six anti-cholera posters were co-operatively designed, now hanging from the walls and hoardings of Hongkong to those who cannot read, nor take in verbal warning. The Guild is now preparing a set on T.H. work involving even more team work, consultation with experts, and collaboration in presentation by the special kind of artistic skill required for which we have knowledge of detail is very important.

When it is realised that these activities have been kept alive and spreading on a capital sum of about £500 during for over two and a half years, we may surely hope that Hongkong will help us to do even more for the present distresses and future glory of the arts on a sum, at least, of £1000 times that amount which would guarantee our security for a long time to come. We can all at this time cut down our luxuries, but as we were reminded in a recent broadcast from suffering Czechoslovakia "Art and Education for a civilised community are not luxuries but necessities."

IANZIE M. ASHBY MACPHERSON,  
President, Hongkong Working Artists' Guild.

Envoys Gather  
New Year Conconcentration  
In Chungking

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Chungking will have a very large gathering of foreign diplomats here next month with the expected arrival of the British and American Ambassadors.

News of the early arrival of the British Ambassador is generally known to Chungking, which is availing considerable interest as to what issues he will discuss with the Chinese Government during the visit.

The American Ambassador, who is staying in Peking for the Christmas holiday, will return to Chungking early in January.

The French and Soviet Ambassadors are already here.

The Turkish Minister and the Chilean Charge d'Affaires have just presented their credentials.

Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany have resident representatives here.

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## 1939 "PIMPERNELS" A WAIT ADVENTURE

SMOKING a pipe in his flat in Eccleston-square, S.W., sits a little bald-headed architect.

As he smokes, he is planning a war-time courier service. He ran one during the last war.

Just as they did last time, his men and women will journey from capital to capital.

Sometimes they will carry samples of silk to be matched in Paris, sometimes they will take school-girls to destinations in Switzerland, sometimes shoes and perfume for a Bond-street shop, or even, occasionally, a note from a French politician to a British Cabinet Minister.

Doubtless, too, the couriers will be assisted by as many spies as they were in the last war, and may succeed in handing over a few more to the authorities.

The architect, Mr. A. B. Houchin, started his Franco-British courier service because he happened to have an office in Paris in 1914, and architecture did not seem to have much of an immediate future.

He found dozens of old men and women, girls and children stranded in Paris, too frightened to travel home alone.

So he grouped them into parties, and brought them back to London himself.

### Beset By Spies

Then he engaged several professional men and women—lawyers, ex-collaborators, journalists, and a few others—on a regular courier service across Europe.

By the end of the war, there were 19 of them.

"We did every sort of job," he said, "from bringing over a few letters for Cabinet Ministers, and carrying out Government dispatches."

"The jobs were on to us when we started to carry official documents. Men and women would try to get into conversation with the couriers on trains and boats."

"The couriers always reported to me, and I went straight round to the British Intelligence."

### Disguised

"Very rarely could I tell him anything he did not already know."

"Our most sensational spy was a woman whom one of our couriers, an ex-Guardsman, noticed frequently on the cross-Channel boats."

"He was puzzled because she came aboard in heavy boots, and immediately changed into light shoes. We told Basil Thomson about her. He made curiously little comment."

"Some time later he said to me, one day, 'You remember that woman in the boots on the cross-Channel boat? He's dead.'"

"The woman was a man in disguise."

### Rescue Job

The most romantic job on which Mr. Houchin's organisation ever embarked was that of trying to rescue an Englishman from the infantry in German-occupied Cambray, where he had lain sick at the outbreak of war.

"It was to have been a regular Scarlet Pimpernel affair," Mr. Houchin said.

"Some of our men were going to cross the front lines at night. But the sick man died before we could start."

"Through the agency of a Dutch business man, however, I did get back to this country the abandoned baggage of English and American tourists, which the Germans had stacked high in Cologne Cathedral."

Already, Mr. Houchin has seven men, mostly ex-sailors, and a few women for his new courier service. Their journeys are being mapped out through Europe. This time many of the journeys will be by air.

## IT'S A SMALL WORLD IF YOU GO BY AIR

BOSTON—Jules Verne got streamlined at East Boston Airport when two young Chinese students stepped off a plane just one week out of Hongkong, 9,000 miles away.

Landing almost in the shadow of the place where Donald McKay launched The Flying Cloud and other great sea clippers—boats that despite their fleetness measured time to the Orient in terms of months instead of weeks—Yung Shen Moy and Tung Ho Hung, hasting back to Boston classes, thought little more of their journey than a Wellesley girl would of returning by train to St. Louis.

The two men left Hongkong on a Pan American flying boat. The first day they flew to Manila, Philippine Islands, stopping over a day while the plane's engine was checked. The following day they flew to Guam and Wake Islands, losing a day when they crossed the international dateline between Wake and Midway Islands.

From Midway they flew to Honolulu and from Hawaii it was an 18-hour over-sea hop to San Francisco.

They left San Francisco at 12:20 p.m., and arrived in Newark at 8:55 next morning, a voyage for which the Flying Cloud set an 89-day sailing record.

They breakfasted in Newark, caught the 10:30 Boston plane, and arrived here at 11:30 a.m. the same morning. Cost: \$750 apiece, one way.

## China will Face Many Problems after the War

FLEET STREET.

Professor R. H. Tawney, speaking on the post-war development of China, at a luncheon organised by the China Campaign Committee, said that in spite of the loss of human life and the economic loss caused by the present war in China, he thought the war had contributed something to the solution of problems with which the Government had been faced.

It had done more for the practical unification of the country in two years than had been accomplished in the twenty preceding years. The fact that the Government and other institutions had been moved to the provinces of Szechwan, Yunnan, and Kweichow had made the Chinese aware of the rich resources of mineral, timber, and agricultural wealth of those districts, of which the majority had hitherto known little. The war had also given considerable impetus to the development of heavy industries, hitherto the weakest part of China's economy, but in spite of the war the main problems remained.

The Government had done a great deal in the past few years to improve transport conditions, but that problem remained. China's permanent problem was not that of the industrial worker, but of the peasant cultivator, and it seemed that his lot had not improved during the past two years. As long as his present condition remained, China would continue to crumble from the bottom. The peasant cultivator suffered from floods, his methods were prehistoric, he was shamelessly exploited by the middle man, money-lender, landlord, and tax collector.

The present system of land tenure was intolerable, industrial development was very important, but it was not likely to reduce the land problem, though it might prevent it from becoming worse.

Professor Tawney did not think it desirable that China's industrial development should be placed on American or German lines. For no matter how efficient it should only be used where essential. China's great asset was human beings. When in China he had noticed how badly the Chinese did things they copied from the West—making for instance, doors and windows that would not shut—yet how admirably they made things for their own use. China must export enough to buy what she required from abroad, but her right line of development was more of the French than of the German or American type—quality of production in the light industries. As for post-war development the professor stressed two points. Since China's surplus would be very small

## LATE NEWS

### EUROPEAN FOUND DEAD

CALLED in by the landlord of the second floor of No. 34, Austin Road, Kowloon, police this morning discovered the body of Stephen Michael Tracey, a 30-year-old clerk who is believed to have recently arrived in the Colony.

The discovery was made by Sgt. Matches, of Tsimshatsui Police Station. Tracey was lying across his bed.

The body was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary, where a post mortem was performed this morning.

The police, whose report states that suicide is suspected, refuse to reveal further details in connection with the death.

### RANGOON'S FUND FOR POLES

RANGOON, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—The Governor of Burma is patron of the Polish Relief Fund which has been opened in Rangoon.

The Mayor of Rangoon is Chairman of the Fund with the Hon. Mr. Somerset Butler, the Polish Consul, as Vice-Chairman.

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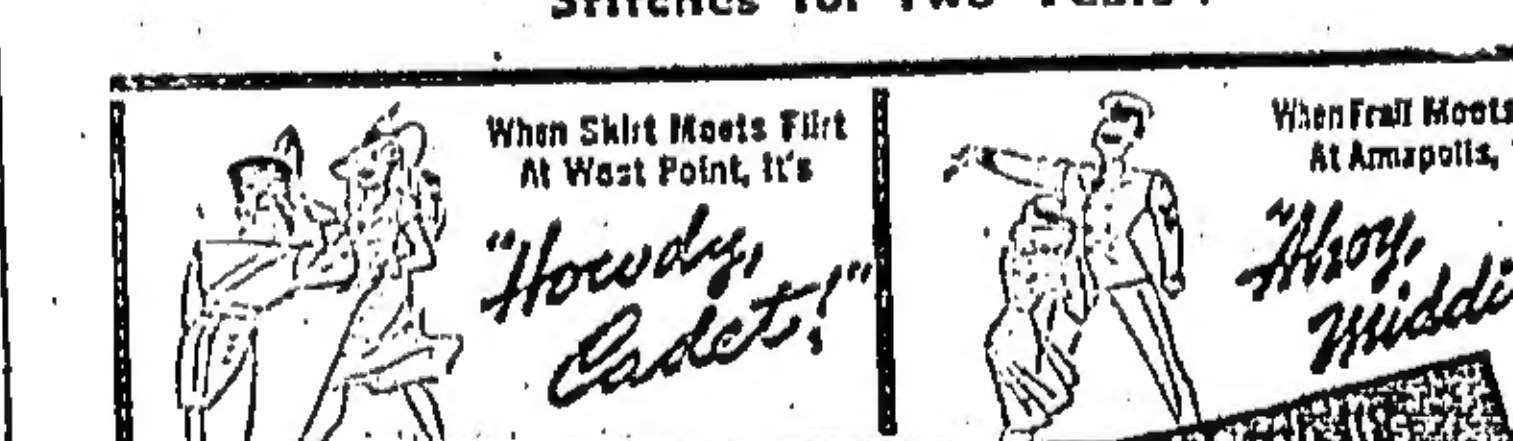
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# HITLER HANGS HIS WARNINGS ON THE SIEGFRIED LINE

## BLOCKADE IS MAKING THE NAZIS SQUEAL

STOCKHOLM, DEC. 28 (REUTER).—THE BELIEF EXISTS IN BERLIN THAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE ARE NOW ENDEAVOURING TO FORCE SWEDEN AND TURKEY TO ABANDON THEIR NEUTRALITY, ACCORDING TO THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE "DAGBLADET."

The Germans think that the violent anti-Soviet campaign may induce Turkey to enter the war on the side of the Allies, while the question of assistance to Finland is intended to serve the same purpose in the case of Sweden.

## EXETER'S CASUALTY LISTS

Lt. Cdr. Bowman-Manifold Among Killed  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

IN response to many requests from naval men in Hongkong, the "Telegraph" has obtained by cable from the London office of "United Press" the full list of casualties aboard H.M.S. Exeter, resulting from the ship's historic engagement with the Admiral Graf Spee.

The Exeter, for some time, took on the erstwhile Nazi "pocket battleship" single-handed and although terribly pounded, hit back so effectively that with the subsequent assistance of H.M.S. Achilles and H.M.S. Ajax, was able to force the German warship into a neutral port, seriously damaged.

Here is the full list of the Exeter's casualties:

### OFFICERS

#### Killed

Lieut.-Commander John Bowman-Manifold.  
Midshipman John S. Rickford.  
Paymaster Sub-Lieut. Donald H. Tyler.  
Captain Humphrey R. D. Woods.  
Royal Marines.

#### Missing, Believed Killed

Acting Sub-Lieut. Clyde A. L. Morse.

#### Wounded

Probationary Temporary Paymaster Sub-Lieut. Jack E. Causton.  
Acting Gunner Thomas J. Lynn.  
Paymaster Midshipman Leslie D. E. Nedham Penn-Gaskell.

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Marine A. J. Croker.  
A.B. G. L. Davies.  
Acting Petty Officer G. H. Dove.  
Shipwright (third class) F. W. G. Dyer.

A.B. F. T. French.  
A.B. S. C. Gibson.  
Marine S. P. Harrington.  
Petty Officer Telegraphist H. Harris.  
Chief Yeoman Signals A. Higginbottom.  
Boy Bugler R. B. Hill.  
Leading Signaller L. F. Honey.  
Stoker Petty Officer A. S. Jones.

## HEROES OF GRAF SPEE BATTLE PROMOTED

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Admiralty communique No. 1927 announces recognition of the services in action against the Admiral Graf Spee in the following promotions, to date from December 13:

Commander D. H. Everett, H.M.S. Ajax, to Captain;  
Lt. Commander R. B. Jennings and Lt. Commander C. J. Smith, H.M.S. Exeter, and Lt. Commander P. T. A. Love, H.M.S. Achilles, to Commanders.

"British Wireless" adds that Engineer-Commander L. C. S. Noake, of H.M.S. Ajax, has been promoted to Engineer-Captain.

The "Nachtausgabe" declares that Britain's aim is to secure Swedish ore, and it warns neutrals against supporting the latest anti-Russian tendencies.

### NAZI MUST NOW FIGHT ON

The Berlin correspondent of the "Nyheter" states that it is now emphasised in official circles in Berlin that "Britain's war" can only be decided by fighting until Germany wins.

The Pope's Christmas address has created no impression on Germans, who state that the time has now arrived for weapons to speak.

The correspondent adds that it is believed in Berlin that Britain and France intend to sharpen the blockade and that this will necessitate increased pressure against neutrals.

## EX-GERMAN PILOTS JOIN THE ALLIES

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Three airmen, crack German pilots of the last war, have joined the Active Citizens Unit of the South African Air Force.

Their names are not being made public because they still have relatives in Germany, but one of them is one of the most famous war pilots Germany ever had.

## BOY SAVES SIX MEN

New Epic Of The Sea Revealed

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Six survivors of the torpedoed British ship, Arlington Court, were saved through the skill of an 18-year-old boy, it was learned in London to-day.

### At Tiller For 6 Days

He and six others got into a water-tight lifeboat and he was the only one who knew how to navigate her.

He kept at the boat's tiller for six days, steering her by means of a small compass until he brought them into a busy shipping lane, where they were picked up by a passing ship.

The Wilhelmstrasse considers that Britain and France are incapable of carrying on alone, and therefore they are seeking to excite neutrals against Germany.

The Wilhelmstrasse has issued a warning that "those not against us are safe and those adhering to France and Britain are Germany's enemies, and will be treated accordingly."

### Soviet Demands On Bulgaria

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—It is reported that during the Soviet-Bulgarian trade negotiations, the Russians asked for military advantages and rights, coupled with naval bases in the Black Sea, in return for economic concessions to Bulgaria.

## NAZIS IN AMERICA

One Flees Country; Another In Jail

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28, (UP).—A report from the Dies Committee charges that Doctor Colin Ross, a Nazi propagandist, recently toured the United States in a special motor car equipped with movie cameras, with which he attempted to photograph "specialised industrial plants."

The report charges that such a practice apparently comes within the category of espionage and recommends his permanent expulsion from the United States.

Dr. Ross sailed for Japan on March 17.

### Bund Man Indicted

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP).—The New York Grand Jury has charged James Wheeler-Hill, National Secretary of the German American Bund, with perjury in connection with alleged contradictions given in his testimony before the Grand Jury and Court during the Fritz Kuhn trial.

The charge resulted in his immediate arrest.

Wheeler-Hill pleaded not guilty to the charges and is now on \$25,000 bail, pending trial on January 29.

## 15 MILLION HAVE DIED

IN THE LAST four centuries, 15,000,000 people have perished in earthquakes. Wednesday's disaster in Asia Minor is the worst recorded since the Tokyo earthquake on September 1, 1923, when 156,000 died.

The two greatest earthquakes recorded in history have occurred in Kansu province in China in the present century. In 1920 more than 350,000 people were wiped out while, on May 23, 1927, the province suffered another toll of over 100,000.

Other big earthquakes this century have been:

	Killed
May 8, 1908 —	
Maritime —	30,000
December 28, 1908 —	
Messina —	77,283
January 13, 1915 —	
Abruzzi (Italy) —	24,000
September 1, 1923 —	
Tokyo —	156,000
July 23, 1930 —	
Naples —	1,475
March 3, 1935 —	
Japan —	2,000
April 28, 1935 —	
Formosa —	3,185
May 31, 1935 —	
Quetta —	38,000

## World Again Rocked By Subterranean Collapses

# 40,000 DEAD IN TURKISH EARTHQUAKE DISASTER

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

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Further earthquakes are reported to-day from the Rand in South Africa, from the Bolsona mountains in Italy, from Salinas, Monterey and the Pacific grove in California and from Santa Cruz in South America.

Earthquakes have already occurred during the past week in South America, California, the Banda Sea—the latter was one of the heaviest shocks recorded for many years but was attended by no loss of life because it occurred in an uninhabited area—from Tangiers, and from Soviet Russia.

### 80 CITIES RAZED

In Asia Minor, where eighty cities and villages have been razed to the ground, the death roll has now risen to the highest number recorded since the Tokyo disaster in 1923.

An area of a quarter of a million square miles of Asia Minor has become the tomb of 40,000 people.

The city of Erzincan, with a population of 100,000, has been partly sealed by the military authorities.

Thousands of survivors were thrown into uncontrollable panic yesterday when further shocks were recorded.

Dead bodies are littering the streets and the ravaged towns, and homeless refugees are despairingly seeking shelter from the intense cold and driving snow which have followed in the wake of the earthquake.

Snow in this area is unprecedented. All communications have been disrupted and authentic compilation of casualties is impossible.

In addition to the 40,000 believed dead, scores of thousands are injured or homeless.

Fragmentary reports disclose that the earthquake is undoubtedly the most disastrous in Turkish history.

### Frankish Weather

Frankish weather includes cloud-bursts which are flooding the de-

## LATEST

## Amazing Russian Reverses In Arctic Continue

# FINNISH INVASION OF U.S.S.R. MEETS SUCCESS

HELSINGFORS, DEC. 28 (REUTER).—WHILE FIGHTING CONTINUES ON RUSSIAN SOIL EAST OF LIEKSA, THE FINNS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE PUSHED THE RED ARMY ACROSS THE FRONTIER AT A NEW POINT SOME MILES NORTHWARD.

Fighting is continuing in the border region of Kivivaara. Reports received here suggest that the Soviet Command is preparing a determined attempt to retrieve the situation near Suomussalmi, where the invaders recently suffered a severe reverse.

The Russians are attacking to the north of Suomussalmi with the evident object of making another attempt to break through the "wasp waist" to Oulu at the head of the Gulf of Finland.

Soviet troops dispersed at Suomussalmi have been re-concentrated against the Finnish centre for a new drive.

Railway Threatened  
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Two detachments of Finnish ski troops are now in Soviet Russia and are heading for the Murmansk-Leningrad Railway with the object of cutting it.  
In view of their small numbers, PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

MINE DISASTER RUMOUR DENIED  
SENSATIONAL RUMOURS WERE CURRENT IN HONGKONG THIS MORNING THAT THE 1,605-TON STEAMER MACAU, OF THE TAI SANG STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S FLEET, HAD STRUCK A MINE OFF CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND, IN HONG KONG TERRITORIAL WATERS.

The rumour is denied by the Tai Sang S. S. Company, and neither naval nor police circles have any information.

The Macao left Hongkong for Macao at 8 o'clock this morning with a large passenger list.  
She is a twin-screw steamer engaged in regular ferry service between Hongkong and Macao. She was formerly of the Canton Line. Built in France in 1903, the Macao was formerly the s.s. Paul-Beau. She is registered in Hongkong.

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## AID FROM ITALIANS

Volunteers Reported To Have Arrived

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—It is freely reported that at least 2,000 Italian volunteers have arrived to fight against the Soviets, but this is not confirmed as yet in official circles.

At the same time, three Swedish volunteer contingents have arrived, and a large Danish ambulance unit is on the way.

The appeals from Finland for active as well as moral support have received a reply in the broadcast by the Norwegian Foreign Minister. He said that Norway must pursue her course of non-participation because her whole defence system is based on that idea.

Nevertheless Norway joins wholeheartedly in all appeals for moral and humanitarian aid.

## East Africa's War Expenditure

NAIROBI, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—An official statement reveals that, with certain exceptions, the war-time expenditure of East African territories will be met from Imperial funds.  
The Government will be asked to pay only 25 per cent. annually above their peace-time military expenditure.

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## 40,000 DEAD IN TURKISH EARTHQUAKE DISASTER

### FROM PAGE ONE

vastated countryside, drowning many survivors of the original disaster.

Tremors are continuing almost without cessation, and, combined with meteorological conditions, are considerably hampering rescue work.

Exact details of the tragedy are unlikely to be available for many days, owing to the disruption of communications.

President Ince and members of his Cabinet are hastening to the devastated area.

### World Rocked

In addition to this earthquake and to the others already recorded, the following shocks were reported this morning:

**CAPE TOWN:** Twenty-five tremors occurred in the Rand during the past 24 hours. Buildings were shaken and the natives fled in panic.

**ITALY:** Four sharp tremors shocked the Bolina region near Rome. The panic-stricken populace rushed out of their homes, but no casualties are reported.

**CALIFORNIA:** Further earthquake shocks were recorded to-day at Salinas, Monterey, Carmel, Pacific Grove and Watsonville. Only slight damage reported.

**MEXICO:** Vera Cruz was rocked at 4.15 p.m. P.S.T. to-day by earthquake tremors. No damage is reported. (Messages from United Press, Domes and Reuters).

## Lanchow Raid

Japanese Bombers Shot Down

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—At least three Japanese bombers were shot down in aerial battles on Tuesday when 90 planes in three groups raided Lanchow, capital of the Kansu province, according to Chinese reports.

As the Japanese aircraft appeared over Lanchow, it is stated, Chinese pursuit planes engaged them.

## MEDICO'S WEDDING

Dr. H. H. Tai Marries Miss Ruth U

The marriage between Dr. H. H. Tai, M.B. Edin., and Miss Ruth Yue-fung U, was solemnised at St. Paul's Church yesterday, the Rev. Paul S. F. Tso officiating.

THE BRIDEGROOM is the eldest son of Mr. T. K. Tai, and is a graduate of the Indiana University, U.S.A. He is now Health Officer of the Hongkong Government Medical Department.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. U Sze-wing, proprietor of Doddwell & Co., Ltd. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree at the Lingnan University.

She was given away by her father, and attended by the Misses Mabel U (sister) and Kwan-chau U (cousin) as bridesmaids and Miss Wing-yun U as flower girl. Master Titus Cheung was the page boy.

The reception was held at the Gloucester Hotel.

## Banditry At New Height

CINCINNATI, O. (U.P.).—A bandit who held up Robert Lowe demanded \$10 but Lowe only had \$12 and a wrist watch worth \$7.50.

So the bandit forced Lowe to walk two blocks to his home and borrow another \$60 cents from his roommate while he walked in the vestibule.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### BANK HOLIDAY.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Monday, the 1st January, 1940. (The first week-day in January).  
Hongkong, 28th December, 1939.

### NOTICE

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Shippers are requested to apply to the Secretary for signature of contracts.

W. F. ARNOLD,

Secretary.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1939.

## Ship Sunk In 90 Seconds

### Deptford Tragedy Revealed

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—The full story of the sinking of the British steamer Deptford (4,000 tons) which was torpedoed in Norwegian waters on December 14, was made available to-day.

It reveals that when torpedoed, she was within half a mile of the Norwegian coast. The ship sank in 90 seconds with the loss of 32 out of 37 of the crew and also two Norwegian pilots.

Some survivors were picked up by the Norwegian motor-boat Farida, the captain of which stated that he saw the submarine's conning tower break surface between the Deptford and land.

### TRIBUTES TO FINNS

land's salvation will be a triumph for liberty which will re-echo throughout the world.

The "Daily Herald" points out that if one lives in a democracy one is treated as a human being and one cannot be transported from one part of the country to another unless one has broken the law. Not so in Germany and Russia, where thousands are moved from their ancestral homes to suit the strategic aims of their leaders. They are shifted like cattle, the paper says.

**Freedom Remains**  
The "News Chronicle" says that it is remarkable that in Britain in the first four months of the war, most of Britain's political and civil liberties still remain intact. This is as it should be. It is striking that several organisations should be permitted to carry on propaganda against war. Most notable of these were the British Union (which at one time was the British Union of Fascists and the Communist Party. The first is clearly discredited now as harmless while the latter has its unity and guiding power as a result of the present Soviet policy.

They can still carry on however, trying to influence people, and unless they become more cautious they will not be suppressed.

## G. R.

### NOTICE

(English)

### ARMS LICENCES

Holders of Arms Licences are reminded that Arms Licences are due for renewal on 1st January, 1940 (Fee \$10.00 per licence). Licensees should call at the Accounts Office, Police Headquarters between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily (Sundays and Public Holidays excepted), with their licences.

(Sd.) T. H. KING,  
Commissioner of Police.  
29th December, 1939.

## G. R.

### PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Sham-shuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1893, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Acres	Area in Acres	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon	Between New Kowloon and Inland Lots Nos 422 & 449, East Wing St. No. 449.	N. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, W. 100 feet.	1.00	1.00	\$6,750

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at King's Road near Quarry Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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## Unanimous Support For French Budget

PARIS, Dec. 28 (U.P.).—The Senate, by a vote of 303 to 30, passed the civil budget bill providing for an expenditure of 79,247,000,000 francs. Several Senate amendments require the budget to be returned to the Chamber of Deputies, which must make the final vote prior to midnight on Sunday.

# "We'll Hang Our Washing" Succeeds "Tipperary" ARMY TRAMPS TO A REAL WAR SONG

All over Great Britain, camps, drill halls, and barracks resound with the lusty voices of soldiers singing the chorus of "We'll hang out our washing on the Siegfried Line", the war song which has been popularised in Hongkong by Nick Korin and his Band, swingers at the Hong Kong Hotel "Gripps".

The experience of the Entertainment National Service Association in providing amusement for the troops suggests that this song is likely to be the "Tipperary" of the present war.

ENSA performances began at the end of September with the despatch to remote country districts of 12 selected concert parties to lighten the monotony of military life. The exact destination of these parties is a closely-guarded secret for military reasons, but it is known that 10 of them went to places in England, and two ventured further north into Scotland.

The activities of ENSA also help towards the solution of the serious problem of unemployment which events have brought about in the theatrical profession. According to an estimate made by the British Actors' Equity Association, only about 800 of England's 4,000 professional actors are at present working, while there is a similar degree of unemployment in the ranks of the theatre's 100,000 ancillary workers. The first dozen concert parties sent out by ENSA had been playing at seaside resorts throughout the summer, and had had to close down on the outbreak of war. They were chosen as pioneers, not because of their celebrity, but because they had all their sets, songs, and scenes ready for immediate production.

The whole of the entertainment given to the troops is professional. So seriously has the normal run of theatrical activities been interfered with by the new conditions that there is keen anxiety to preserve exclusively for professional exploitation the opportunities provided by military audiences.

Amateurs have in fact been formally asked not to volunteer their services for the entertainment of the troops. ENSA was tentatively formed in February last, but it was not fully organised until the outbreak of war. It represents many important theatrical associations, including the Incorporated Society of Musicians, British Actors' Equity, the Variety Artists' Federation, the Concert Artists' Federation, the Musicians' Union, and the Association of Dance Band Leaders.

ENSA works in conjunction with the Navy, Army, and Air Force Institute for National Service Purposes. The N.A.A.F.I. has been in existence for some time, but it was not until 1917, when it grew out of the Army and Navy Canteen Board, its headquarters are now in the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, which has been chosen because its vast stage permits the rehearsal of about 20 shows simultaneously.

Amateur plans are held for the future, when Mr. Godfrey Tearle, famous English actor, hopes to present a series of full-length plays.

## EXETER'S CASUALTY LISTS

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Telegraphist M. T. Kavanagh. Stoker (1st class) A. E. Kelly. Telegraphist A. R. Lumsden. Stoker (1st class) W. MacLeod. Stoker (1st class) G. Mannung. Corporal W. G. R. Marsh. A. B. F. H. McDowell. Marine E. Mill. Stoker (2nd class) C. Monks. A. B. T. H. Naylor. Stoker (1st class) P. J. O'Leary. Telegraphist D. J. Parry. Stoker (1st class) E. T. Pitt. Leading Supply Assistant L. W. Pullybank. Stoker Petty Officer F. Randall. Chief Yeoman Signals T. Remick. A. B. B. Richards. Leading Seaman G. Richards. Telegraphist A. S. Righter. Blacksmith (3rd class) B. J. Small. Boy (1st class) E. B. Squire. Stoker Petty Officer R. M. Steele. Marine A. Stubbs. Telegraphist R. W. Taylor. Stoker (1st class) J. E. Thompson. Stoker Petty Officer A. F. Tovey. Chief Petty Officer A. F. Tregidgo. Stoker (1st class) P. Wilson.

### Died Of Wounds

Chief Petty Officer W. A. Alinge. Leading Stoker E. I. George. A. B. L. C. Hill. Acting Leading Seaman A. V. Phillips. A. B. H. Spencer. Missing, Believed Killed. Chief Stoker S. B. P. Teague.

## PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA STARTS

CARU, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—The start of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca was marked to-day by the ceremony of the Holy Carpet, which will be laid over the Kaaba, the most holy relic of Islam, in the courtyard of the Mosque at Mecca.

# Artillerymen Who Shone In The Mud

By PHILIP JORDAN

News Chronicle Correspondent with the B.E.F. FRANCE.

WINTER, after an absence of several days, has come again to this part of France.

Rain, so intense that visibility shrank to comparatively a few yards, soaked the British Expeditionary Force to the skin to-day—but it damped neither their enthusiasm nor their capacity for hard work.

Of the latter there is no end, as a battery of 25-pounders showed this morning in its dress rehearsal for the grimmer events which it anticipates and for which it is fully prepared.

## INDIAN TROOPS AGAIN IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—Indian troops, led by British and Indian officers, have arrived in France with a large number of mules.

The men are all Moslems from all parts of India and are accompanied by a smaller "army" of non-combatants—religious teachers, cooks and water carriers.

They have brought their own food with them and in addition will be given certain food supplies given to the B.E.F.—tea, sugar and fresh vegetables.

## FINNISH INVASION OF U.S.S.R. MEETS SUCCESS

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they are avoiding heavy engagements. They have headed for Kandalaksha, which is situated at the spot where the railway skirts the White Sea at its northern end.

If they can cut the railway and hang on in that area, the Soviets will be unable to get reinforcements and supplies through to the Petsamo front. On the Petsamo front, the Russians have completely lost the initiative and are practically in a state of siege.

**Tanks Form Fortress**  
A Finnish officer who has just returned from that area reports that at least 150 Soviet tanks are snow-bound and in many cases the Finns have found their crews frozen to death inside.

The crews of others are either surrounded or have fled. In other cases, Soviet tank detachments have placed their tanks in a circle, forming a small but effective fortress. They are difficult to attack but at the same time they are isolated and useless to the main drive.

On the central front, the Soviets have lost large quantities of men and materials in their retreat, while the last reports from the southern front stated that the Soviet attacks on the Mannerheim Line and in the south-east have been repulsed. Snow fell in Helsinki to-day and as the storm seems to be general, little air activity is likely.

### Fighting On Ice

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 28 (U.P.).—It has been officially stated that the Finnish troops wiped out two Russian companies in fierce hand-to-hand fighting on the ice on Lake Suunto in the Karelian Isthmus area on Wednesday.

Fighting also continues in Russian territory east of Lissa on the eastern central Russo-Finnish frontier and in the Aral sector.

The official announcement said the Russians for the first time succeeded in crossing the mile-wide Lake Suunto but strong Finnish counter-attacks drove them back. The Russians were also driven back on the frontier north of Lissa, and again at four points between Hatjalampi and Summa and at two points between Summa and Muola-Jarvi.

Russian planes straddled civilians in Wednesday's air raids over the southern sectors. It has also been officially confirmed that nine Russian planes were shot down during Wednesday's raids. Latest reports indicate that there was fighting yesterday and Wednesday north of Suomussalmi around Lake Tuntajarvi.

From the sulphurous clouds that covered a little village not far behind our lines the battery drove this morning to take up positions in the mud that grows deeper almost every day.

**Haystack Post**  
Signallers also preceded the battery of guns, laying telephone wires from the observation post to headquarters, and from headquarters to the gun troop command posts.

They rolled along the lines in their fast lorries laying cable at the rate of 40 miles every hour.

When the "dead horses," as old cavalry officers scornfully call their tractors, first came out of the mist and splashed their leisurely way across the ford all was ready for them and for the guns which they trailed behind them.

About 100 yards from its destination the first tractor with its ammunition wagon and gun, turned off the road into the muddy field. Less than three and a quarter minutes later its gun was ready to be fired, and the tractor disappeared into a place of comparative safety.

**100 Per Cent. Compliance**  
As tractor after tractor—each named as though it was one of the trained horses which it replaced—moved across the field the ruts became deeper; but not one of the scores of vehicles that are necessary to bring a modern battery to its position of action failed to reach its destination.

In modern war you always use the existing track if you can possibly manage to do so, for a multiplicity of tracks tell spotting aeroplanes that there is activity going on and that is something which must be concealed at all costs.

**Off The Rails**  
Only one of this morning's guns gave any trouble. It slid off its platform at a point where it was difficult to get the gun crew to haul back. To get any purchase at all they had to stand in knee-deep mud—and not one of them had gum boots.

Such efficiency as that displayed by the gun crew would have been impressive in even the best conditions, but to-day it was the more so. There was no shouting, no raising of voices; each man knew exactly what to do; and any commands that either the gun troop leader or his sergeant wished to give were spoken in almost a whisper.

The only sound that you could hear was the whirring of the tractors in the mud, and up above, hidden in the clouds, the intermittent humming of distant aeroplanes, all keeping an eye open for the enemy who does not come.

## France-Japan Relations Hope Expressed For Improvement

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—A desire to develop existing friendly Franco-Japanese relations was expressed by the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Renzo Sawada, while presenting his credentials to M. Lebrun, the French President.

A leader in "Le Temps" notes with satisfaction the "improvement" in Japan's relations with the Western Powers, and says that the talks with the United States, Britain and France in Tokyo are certainly being developed in an atmosphere of real cordiality in contrast to the reception of Berlin's unsparing advice to Tokyo.

**Ribbentrop's Small Hopes**  
"It does not seem that, come what may, Herr Ribbentrop has any chance of achieving a diplomatic success in Tokyo to compensate for the rebuffs he suffered elsewhere."

Referring to Russo-Japanese relations and the suggestion that Russia might cease supporting Chiang Kai-shek, "Le Temps" adds that nothing at present suggests that this idea has made much headway.

## POST OFFICE

### NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

On Monday, the 1st January 1940, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m.

The Branch Post Office at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Japan Parcel Post to all countries suspended.

### OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes before the times given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 6 p.m.

### INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco, Dec. 29. Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 29th Dec.

Canton ..... Dec. 29.  
Shanghai ..... Dec. 29.  
Hankow ..... Dec. 29.  
J.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 2nd Dec.) ..... Dec. 29.  
Japan and Shanghai ..... Dec. 30.  
Shanghai ..... Dec. 30.  
Straits ..... Dec. 30.  
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa ..... Dec. 31.

Japan ..... Dec. 31.  
London and Straits ..... Dec. 31.  
Shanghai and Amoy ..... Dec. 31.  
Shanghai ..... Dec. 31.  
Straits and Saigon ..... Dec. 31.  
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane ..... Dec. 31.

Haiphong and Hoihow ..... Jan. 1.  
Haiphong, Hoihow and Fort ..... Jan. 1.  
Shanghai ..... Jan. 1.  
Straits ..... Jan. 1.  
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London Date 23rd Dec. Jan. 2.  
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris Date 27th Dec. Jan. 3.

Japan ..... Jan. 3.  
Java and Manila ..... Jan. 3.  
Shanghai ..... Jan. 3.

### OUTWARD MAILS

Friday, Dec. 29

Bangkok ..... 1.30 p.m.  
Parcels only for Haiphong ..... 1.30 p.m.  
Saigon, Sandakan, Madang, Salamau and Tulagi ..... 2.30 p.m.  
Japan ..... 3.30 p.m.  
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Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 10th January.

G.P.O. & K.P.O.  
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Reg. .... Dec. 29, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... Dec. 29, 5.30 a.m.  
Straits, Ceylon, India, East Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London—due London, 6th February.

G.P.O. & K.P.O.  
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Ord. .... Dec. 29, 10.30 a.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 30

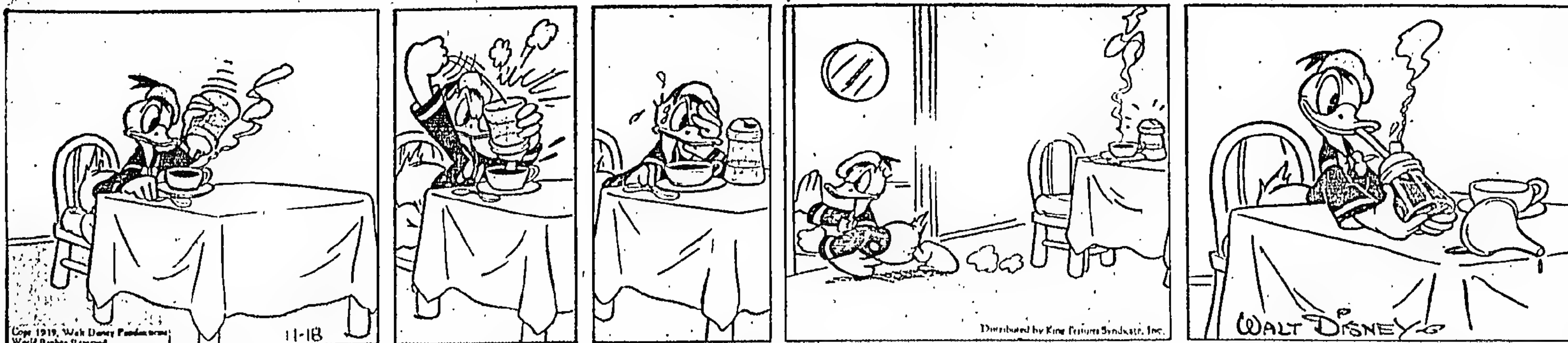
Saigon ..... 10.30 a.m.  
Shanghai, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco, 17th January, 1940.

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Parcels ..... 11.00 a.m.  
Reg. .... 12.45 p.m.  
Ord. .... 1.30 p.m.  
Haiphong ..... 2.00 p.m.  
Shanghai ..... 2.30 p.m.  
Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th January 1940.

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## INSIDE NEWS

Mussolini has called for a report on progress of the Brenner fortifications on the German frontier, begun some months ago. He is taking no chances.

Nazi experts have discovered that the explosive used in the Munich bomb Hitler escaped was invented by a Jewish chemist, Gabriel Emmerich, who committed suicide in Dachau camp after Himmler had interned him.

The explosive is known as No. 17. Its formula was found among Emmerich's effects, tried out by experts and kept in reserve. It was used for the first time in the Munich bomb.

Gestapo is trying to discover how the secret leaked out.

Hitler's faith in astrology has been shaken. His favourite seer, Dr. Huber, is in a concentration camp.

For six months almost all Huber's prognostications have gone wrong. He supported Ribbentrop in forecasting that Britain would not fight. He also said the stars foretold Balkan diplomatic successes. Then Turkey went pro-Allies.

His fall came when, in a published horoscope, he compared Hitler with Wallenstein, great General in the Thirty Years' War. Thousands of readers wrote pointing out Wallenstein was murdered by his own officers. This so angered Hitler that Himmler acted.

## Gas Corps Work

PARIS—French women are busy in the formation of a new corps for war service. Their efforts have the full approval of the "passive defence" authorities.

The new corps is destined for special work during gas attack. It consists of some 150 women and is not likely to expand to much larger dimensions since its requirements are stringent.

The corps is composed of motor drivers and chemists, and both will work in an emergency under the direct orders of the police.

French women are at this time

showing themselves in no way lacking in courage. Although warned that the towns and countryside of their eastern frontiers offer the most precarious living conditions, they refuse to leave them so long as any possibility of useful work remains to be done there. From all over the country come offers of help from women who are ready to leave places of comparative safety in order to undertake work made necessary by war conditions.

A corps of auxiliary airwomen has been set up in Paris. Members of the French Red Cross in the Legion d'Honneur have opened a bureau at which are received offers from women for all kinds of war work.

## FRENCH LAY GLASS AS TRAP FOR NAZIS

By SEFTON DELMER,  
Daily Express War Reporter

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY.

OVER on the little bit of front which I watched, the Germans took not the slightest notice of the coming-of-age of Armistice Day, and from what I hear from other sectors, they don't seem to have let off the burst of strafing we had all rather expected from them for 11 a.m. November 11, 1939, seventieth day of the new war.

## Ex-Kaiser "banned" gas bombs

GAS bombs were not dropped on London in the last war because the Kaiser forbade it at the last moment—so says Mr. Edward J. Bing, journalist, soldier and traveller, in his autobiography "Of the Meek and the Mighty."

In Berlin, after the war, a former Zeppelin commander told him the Germans had perfected a deadly gas bomb.

"And why was it never used?" asked Mr. Bing.

"Well," said the commander, "my Zeppelin was provided with the bombs immediately the invention was completed, and I had orders to drop them on London."

Just In Time

"We were all set to take off, and I was just going into the gondola when a phone call came through for me from Spa."

"G.H.Q. this end. That Captain O'Glad I got you in time. You are on no account to take those gas bombs with you. S.M. (for Seine Majesty), His Majesty, meaning the Kaiser) wishes them to be left behind."

The commander said he was also ordered to use the bombs on Verdun, and again the Kaiser said "No" at the last moment.

Once the officer was just off to bomb a house three miles behind the French lines in which it was known King George V, Marshal Joffre, and Mr. Lloyd George or Mr. Asquith were staying, when he was told the command had been cancelled.

Once more it was "S.M.'s orders." Reason given by the German officer: "The Kaiser is deeply religious."

I stood beside the solitary guard left behind the sandbagged parapet at the French end of the Strasbourg-Kehl bridge.

Along the barrel of his machine-gun I squinted down the black iron bridge which I have crossed so often, past the broken bottles at the French end—"If they try to come up in the night we shall hear them crunching in the glass"—past the two barbed-wire barricades, the first French, the second German, to the German blockhouse and sandbagged parapet at the other end.

Nothing moved there. There was no sound. Only the Rhine kept swirling yellow and dirty, under the bridge.

The mist hid what was behind the Customs House. (Wonder whether they've left the Turkish bath arrangement in the Customs House—Geeing to greet you as you enter, Hitler in main room to hold you, and Himmler as a cold shower to send you off into Nazi Germany.)

Then, just as I heard the voice of the captain roaring: "Fixe, present arms" at the bridge guard paraded outside, the mist lifted a bit on the other bank and I saw them to the left of the bridge in front of a yellow villa on the Rhine edge.

Two figures were bobbing under a piece of camouflaged tarpaulin—two German soldiers in the dirty grey of their fatigue dress.

They scuttled down a shallow communication trench and were gone. Deep and clear came the captain's voice from behind me—"Soldiers," he said, "Twenty-one years ago today Fritz surrendered."

"Now he has forced war on us again. Once more we shall force him to surrender. The value of those who fought him and defeated him, before lives on. The value of the soldiers of France, Britain, the United States and our other Allies."

"It is their example we shall follow, we and our British comrades. As we stand here to-day facing the same enemy that they faced, we vow that these who fell in those four years shall not have fought and died in vain."

Across the Rhine the two Germans popped out again as the tarpaulin flapped. They had stayed from somewhere near them staved up the grinding noise of a concrete mixer making cement for another bit of fortification.

The soldiers behind me stood to attention grim and silent, listening to the present, thinking of the past, promising for the future.

Then again came the captain's command. The soldiers' rifles slapped back to their shoulders. A minute later they were back once more in their positions guarding their bridge which still connects Germany with France.

They watched, but not a shot was fired. As a matter of fact, here at Strasbourg-on-the-Rhine, the only guns that go off are the anti-aircraft guns firing at reconnaissance planes which day after day make their patrols up and down the river.

So far, Hitler has made no attempt to bombard Strasbourg. It would not be healthy for him if he did. The French have their artillery, too.

But although things are quiet here for the moment, their nose willing

to bet they will stay that way. Strasbourg has been emptied of its 200,000 inhabitants—ready for the worst.

Only a thousand remain, brave men and women who have stayed on to see that their town stays clean while it waits for its fate.

It was my second visit to Strasbourg since the evacuation. But still it had the same effect on me. I have seen plenty of deserted towns in my time, but never one that was not in ruins, not in process of being looted, either by its own defenders or the enemy.

Strasbourg is clean, fresh and intact. Shop windows still show their wares. I felt sick watching the sweepers at work on the fallen leaves in the clean, empty streets, the workmen at the cathedral putting protective covering against shell splinters on the Gothic masonry, filling in clean white plaster in place of the stained glass they had removed from its tall windows.

It was like seeing a beautiful woman dressed to face the guillotine.

Some day Strasbourg may be shelled as a punishment for a German reverse.

## Merle Oberon Surprise

NEW YORK.—Merle Oberon and her husband, Alexander Korda, puzzled Hollywood recently by issuing a joint statement, saying: "We don't know whether everything is all right or not."

Later Mr. Korda said: "Everything is all right; I don't want to talk now." Still later, Merle said: "Everything is NOT all right; we're going to talk it over."

Mr. Korda arrived in New York with the British film "The Lion Has Wings." Mrs. Oberon has been over here for a month. They were married last June in the town hall of Antibes, on the Riviera.

## 100 New Warships For Navy

78 for Nazis

THE British Navy will be strengthened in the coming months by 100 first-class warships, and the German Navy by seventy-three, according to details in the new issue of Jane's Fighting Ships.

The British programme, says Fighting Ships (Sampson and Low, 52s. 6d.), is:—

Battle-ships	9	Destroyers	23
Aircraft carriers	6	Submarines	11
Cruisers	23	Escort vessels	24
Minelayers	4		

The German programme is given as:—

Battle-ships	4	Destroyers	2
Aircraft carriers	2	Torpedo boats	30
Heavy cruisers	3	Submarines	28 (?)
Light cruisers	4		

Four of the British battleships are launched, and are due for completion early next year.

Two German battleships were launched last spring after being three years on the stocks. They may not be completed before 1941.

The total of U-boats building only represents those known to be in hand last summer. Many more have been ordered since, but none of this new construction, to judge by the details in Fighting Ships, can be delivered before next August.

## Russia's Fleet

The twenty-eight boats under construction this summer are all that the Germans can add to their fleet in the next few months.

Russia has the biggest submarine force in the world, the figures given being 150 completed and twenty building. A large proportion of these are in the Far East.

America is building the world's largest aircraft carrier—the Hornet. She will cost £6350,000, will carry eighty-three planes, with space for stowing another seventeen, and will house 2,072 officers and men. The Hornet will thus have forty machines and 500 crew more than the British Ark Royal.

## CARADOC FUELLING Challenged By U.S. Senator

WASHINGTON (AP).—Senator Rush D. Holt has demanded that the United States Navy give a "complete explanation" of why the British light cruiser Caradoc was allowed to load fuel at the San Diego, Calif., naval depot recently. Before the war H.M.S. Caradoc was attached to China Station.

Senator Holt, member of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, said "there should be some exceptional reason for allowing armed warships of a belligerent to come into an American port, load oil and then depart." He added that "it appears some public officials are trying to get this country involved."

Chairman Sol Bloom of the House Foreign Affairs Committee told reporters that "the Senator is unduly alarmed and I think he'll get a satisfactory answer" from acting Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison.

Mr. Bloom called attention to a section of the neutrality act allowing belligerent warships to enter American harbours. Under that section they must leave within 24 hours after taking aboard only enough fuel to carry them to the closest port of their country.

The Caradoc left San Diego presumably for the Canadian base at Esquimaux, B.C.

## £10,000 Scheme To Popularise Capone

Ten thousand pounds will be spent by Al Capone's relatives in an effort to win national popularity and respect for America's one-time Number One bad man.

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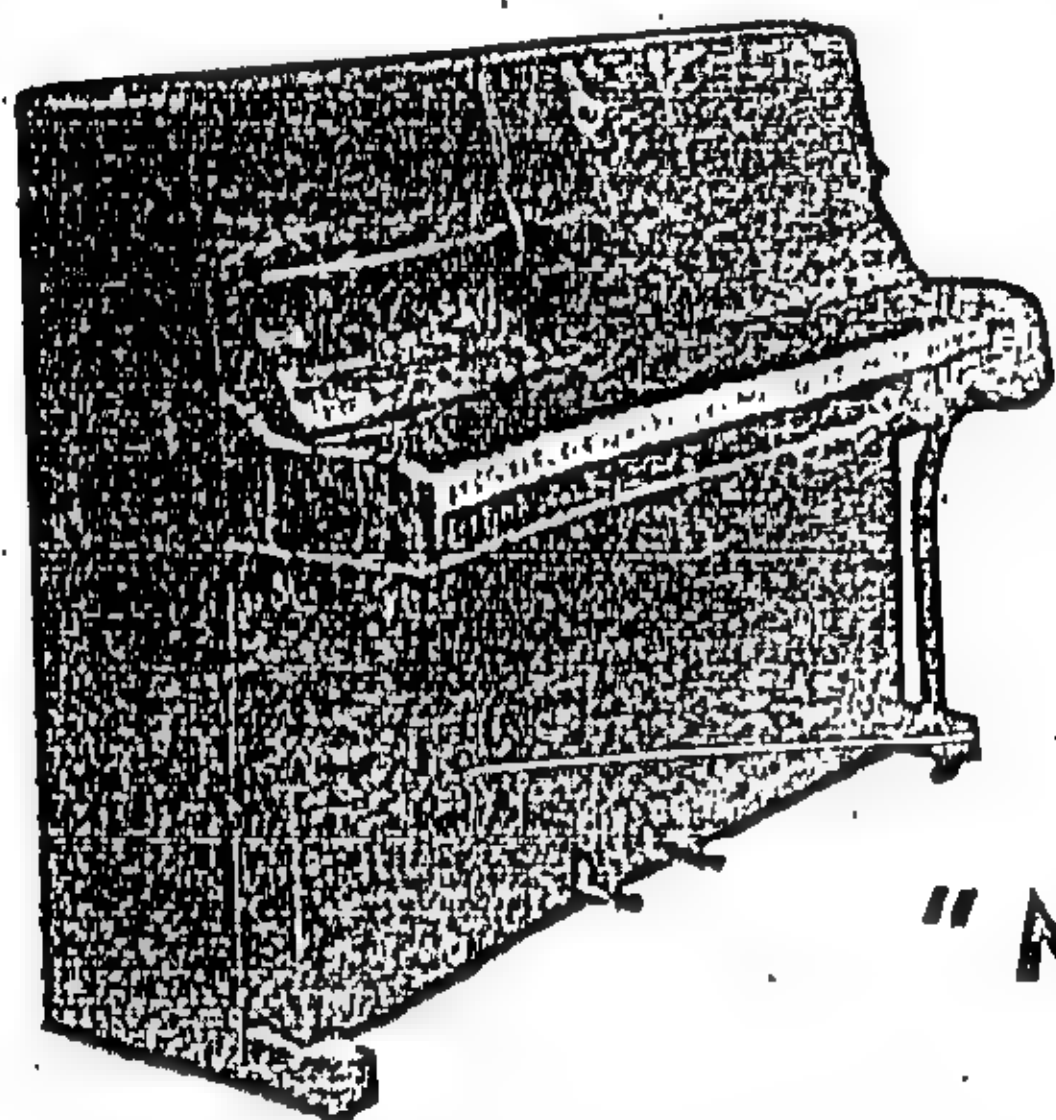
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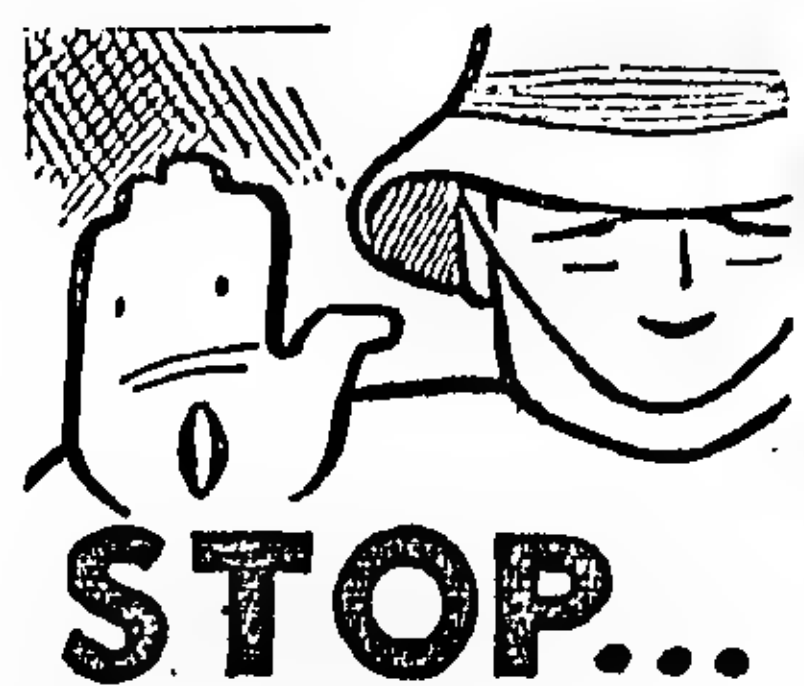
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IT seems that, as a result of  
their being called up for  
service in the army, the youth  
of Britain are showing an in-  
creased tendency to cultivate  
the moustache. Not one of a  
very luxuriant variety; for,  
although the military authorities  
are not inclined to split hairs  
at this point, anything in the  
nature of a "walrus" or a "scat-  
tion" might be frowned on. It  
is the dapper "tooth-brush" that  
is the hair-apparent of those  
mighty beards that once waved  
at Balaklava and Lucknow—in  
the days before the gas-mask  
had come and left the unshaven  
chin bristling with difficulties.

Perhaps there is some signi-  
ficance to be seen in this evolu-  
tion of the military countenance.  
For the fierce aspect of the "old  
moustache," and the rude, un-  
couth appearance bestowed by a  
shaggy mane, were once held,  
no doubt, to be symbols of the  
soldier's nature; but it is plain  
that little of this earlier con-  
cept of him lingers, if one may  
judge from the lip-service it re-  
ceives.

### Eros—Evacuee

One of London's most famous  
figures recently appeared on the  
list of "evacuees," when the  
statue of Eros was removed  
from Piccadilly Circus. It was  
a very high compliment; for al-  
though His Majesty's Office of  
Works has sent James II into  
exile, taken away from the  
House of Commons a bust of  
Cromwell, and erected a scaf-  
fold for Charles I in Whitehall,  
this time to protect him, it has  
left the rest of London's statues  
to stand their ground unshel-  
tered.

The average Londoner takes  
little exception to this since he  
has always had a feeling that  
"they'd none of them be mis-  
sioned." But this does not ap-  
ply to Eros. Eros made a  
pleasant contrast to those  
eminent gentlemen who "sleep  
in dull, cold marble" all over  
London's squares, but who,  
wrapped in their frock coats, or  
frogged tunics, are, in the Lon-  
doner's view, so far from being  
sleeping beauties.

The city evidently recognised  
the fact: it would much rather  
have seen the captain and the  
kings depart, not to mention the  
politicians, and it paid Eros a  
tribute that it seldom pays to  
them—it looked at him. He  
conquered not only its attention,  
but its affection; and although  
when peace returns, the Stuarts  
may enjoy another Restoration,  
they will hardly receive such an  
ovation as will conquering Eros.

## BLOCKADE NEWS REEL

A GLANCE at the  
map will show you  
why Napoleon,  
more than a century  
ago, cursed the geogra-  
phical situation of Great  
Britain, why Hitler  
curses that same in-  
escapable fact to-day.

The heavy lines show the  
sea routes by which in  
peace-time industrialised,  
urbanised Germany receives  
her main imports of iron  
ore, wool, oil, cotton, wheat,  
coffee, fruit, butter, coal,  
timber, copper and tin from  
the U.S.A., Argentine,  
Brazil, India, China and  
Japan.

To reach Germany all the  
North and South Atlantic  
sea routes must converge  
into two main traffic lines,  
both dominated by the  
British Navy. The northern  
routes must pass somewhere  
between the 250-mile span  
between Northern Scotland  
and Southern Norway, the  
southern routes must pass  
up the English Channel,  
through the 20-mile Straits  
of Dover. Those 270 miles  
control 85 per cent. of  
Germany's overseas trade  
routes, and those 270 miles  
are controlled by Britain.

Further South, the great  
Mediterranean trade routes  
can also be controlled by the  
Allied navies from several  
bases. At Suez, Malta and  
Gibraltar vessels can be  
inspected for contraband.

### HOW BLOCKADE WORKS

During the last war the  
blockade of Germany was  
maintained by the 10th  
Cruiser Squadron. At its  
maximum strength this in-  
cluded 20 armed merchant  
cruisers, comprising ships  
of the Allan, White Star,  
Orient, Anchor, P. & O.,  
Union Castle, Royal Mail,  
Furness Withy, Elders &  
Fyffes and other lines.

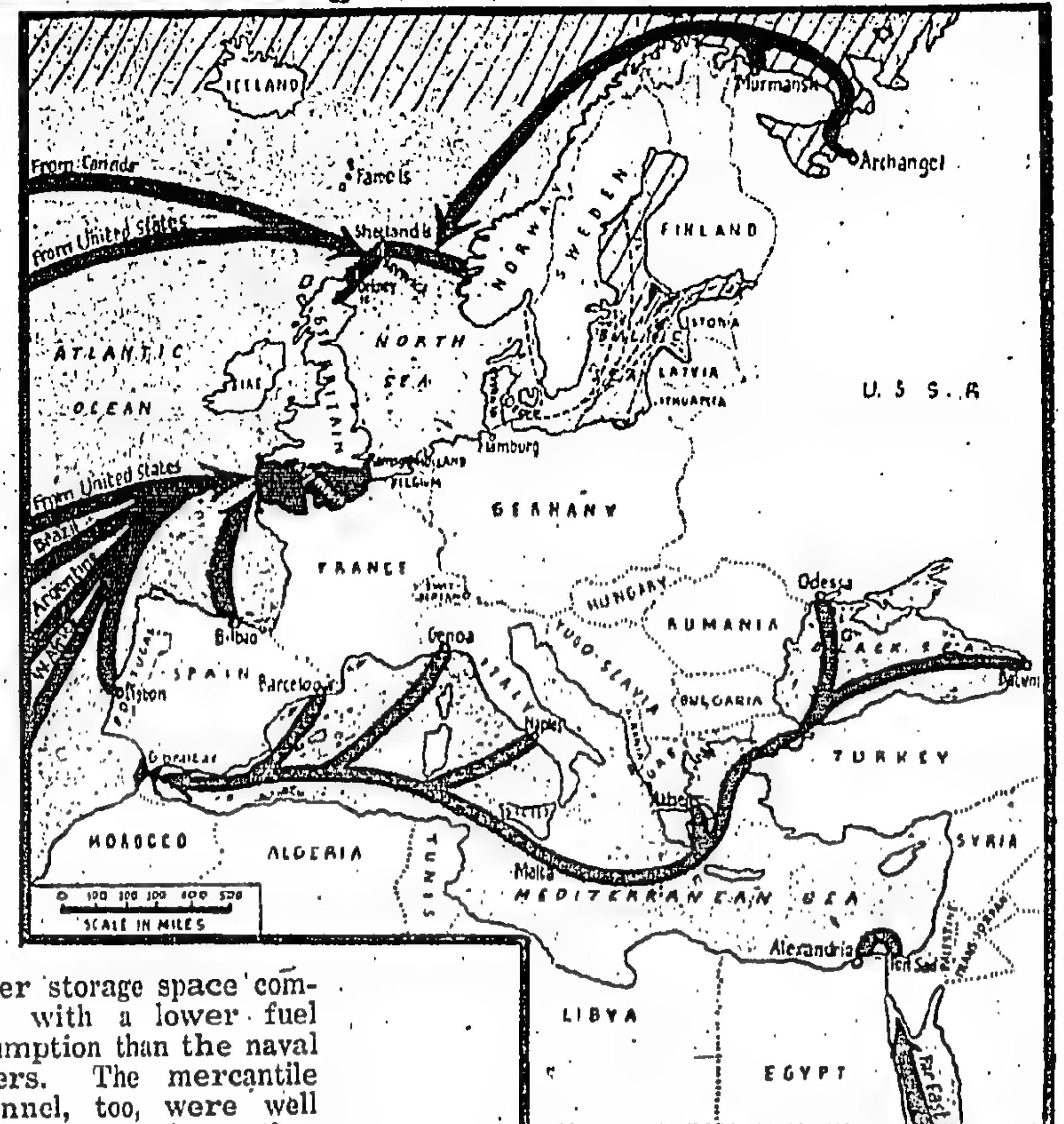
These were commanded  
by naval officers, but other-  
wise the personnel was  
mainly R.N.R. (ex-mercantile).  
Experience during  
the first few months of the  
blockade proved these to be  
much better suited for such  
work than the old naval  
cruisers employed at the  
beginning. This procedure  
not only released naval men  
for strictly naval duties, but  
the merchant cruisers had

greater storage space com-  
bined with a lower fuel  
consumption than the naval  
cruisers. The mercantile  
personnel, too, were well  
trained in spotting other  
merchant vessels, and any  
odd features about those  
vessels.

These merchant cruisers  
were armed with 6in. and  
3in. guns, and their fuelling  
capacity enabled them to  
stay at sea for periods  
varying up to 30 days.  
Vessels were divided into  
patrols which covered the  
whole area from Iceland  
to the Hebrides, and as ice  
prevents ships from passing  
north of Iceland for several  
months of the year it was  
only necessary to keep that  
section patrolled during the  
summer months. In the map  
above, the scored area re-  
presents the extent of the  
ice during the winter  
months.

As a general rule ships  
were about 80 miles apart,  
since visibility for the look-  
out in the crow's nest was  
usually about 15 miles. Zig-  
zag courses were always  
steered to guard against  
submarine attack, and the  
general rate of steaming  
was 15 knots. In the centre  
of the line what was known  
as an "in and out patrol" was maintained.

Ships would steam in line  
abreast (i.e. on parallel  
courses) along the tracks of



shipping for 30 or 40 miles  
in one direction, and then  
for a similar distance in the  
reverse direction. During  
the hours of darkness all  
ships would steam to the  
eastward, and during day-  
light to the westward, thus  
preventing vessels slipping  
through the cordon at night.

Ships nearer the ex-  
tremity of the line would  
maintain what was known  
as a cross patrol, steaming  
backwards and forwards in  
line ahead, across the track  
of shipping; for a similar  
distance to the "in and out"  
patrols.

### FIGURES OF SUCCESS

Throughout the period  
this patrol was in operation,  
only 4 per cent. of the mer-  
chant ships crossing the At-  
lantic managed to avoid the  
blockade. During the  
heaviest week recorded 156  
ships were boarded and 68  
sent into port for examina-  
tion. Two armed raiders  
succeeded in getting  
through disguised as neutral  
merchantmen, but two were  
detected and sunk.

From May 1, 1918, the  
blockade was maintained by  
a huge minefield laid be-  
tween Norway and the Ork-

neys. Immediately behind  
it, and in the Fair Island  
channel, hundreds of des-  
troyers, patrol vessels,  
trawlers and other small  
craft, fitted with anti-  
submarine devices, were  
constantly on patrol.

### CONTRABAND CONTROL

In the English Channel  
the blockade was a compa-  
ratively simple procedure.  
To-day, control stations are  
established at Weymouth,  
Ramsgate and Lerwick (in  
the Shetland Islands). To  
these control stations all  
vessels suspected of carry-  
ing contraband to German  
ports are conducted for  
examination.

Prize Courts in the last  
war were sitting from Sep-  
tember, 1914, and did not  
conclude their work until  
long after the signature of  
peace. Up to March 31,  
1920, the amount which had  
passed through the Registry  
of the Court was \$21,254,-  
412; and up to March 31,  
1938, \$6,770,927 was paid  
out to the Naval Prize Fund  
for distribution among the  
personnel of the Royal Navy  
and those who were attach-  
ed to it during the Great  
War.

## The Allies Were Aryans Once

ONE of these days some one  
will ask Herren Goebbels  
and Streicher who introduced  
the Aryan theory into Germany.  
Then there will be a rumus.

The Aryan theory is the most  
remarkable—and, as it has  
turned out, dangerous—accident,  
for which we are not entirely  
blameless. The French invent-  
ed it; we made it popular, and  
introduced it to Germany; and  
there it was firmly planted in  
patriotic minds by a Jewish  
philosopher.

That is awkward for the  
National Socialists, but quite  
quite true.

It all began like this. Not so  
long ago we Europeans knew  
nothing about the languages of  
India, and when Sir William  
Jones, a celebrated philologist,  
went to that country on Govern-  
ment business he took the  
trouble to learn Sanskrit, which  
gave him the clue to the origin  
of a big group of European  
languages—English, German,

Icelandic and a host of others  
among them.

These languages are now called  
Indo-European or Indo-Ger-  
manic; but Sir William trans-  
lated the Sanskrit term quite  
innocently by the word Arya—  
and then the trouble began.

A number of ethnologists and  
self-styled anthropologists got  
hold of these Sanskrit researches  
and jumped to the conclusion  
that if people speak similar  
languages you can say they be-  
long to one race.

In 1855 Count Joseph de  
Gobineau, an enthusiastic and  
eccentric Frenchman, wrote a  
book called "Essay on the In-  
equality of the Human Races,"  
which, as the title suggests,  
tried to prove that one so-called  
race—the Aryan race—was the  
greatest in the world.

The book caused much discus-  
sion in France and England. It  
was very nice for every one to  
think that he belonged to the  
chosen race. The Prussian Mini-

ster in Britain, Baron Bunsen,  
took up the theory with  
enthusiasm and passed it on to  
his pupil, Max Muller, for many  
years a professor at Oxford. In  
France the Aryan race was  
eventually identified by de  
Lapouge with the Nordic group  
(originating near the Baltic).

Max Muller plugged the  
Aryan theory for forty years,  
and then at length realised that  
he had been barking up the  
wrong tree. Just fifty years  
ago he wrote: "I have declared  
again and again that if I say  
Aryans, I mean neither blood  
nor bones, nor hair, nor skull;  
I mean simply those who speak  
an Aryan language."

And Yiddish has a good claim  
to be considered an Aryan  
language. That was why Moses  
Mendelssohn, Jewish-German  
philosopher, took up the Aryan  
theory and introduced it to  
German scholars.

By the time the German uni-  
versities got hold of the mis-

taken theory the English had  
got over it and the French were  
laughing at de Gobineau and de  
Lapouge. Unfortunately, the  
German nationalist movement  
absorbed it with a vengeance.

Gustav Kossinna, Prussian  
nationalist, appointed himself  
Aryan historian of the German  
people and tried to prove that  
"history was pre-eminently a  
German, national science,"  
though no one could imagine  
why history should be a national  
science—save Kossinna's fol-  
lowers.

But due to the national  
science appeared on the title-  
page of the second edition of his  
book. It was dated: "On the  
day of general mobilisation,  
1914."

And on the same day a group  
of young Prussians formed a  
corps with a new standard—the  
swastika.



# Singapore Chinese Leader Expelled

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
SINGAPORE, Dec. 28 (UP).—The Government has issued an expulsion order against a prominent Chinese resident, Mr. Hau Say-hoon, a member of the China Relief Fund Committee which sends millions of dollars annually to China.

Mr. Hau is alleged to have encouraged unlawful societies under the cloak of genuinely patriotic activities.

In addition to being a member of the Fund Committee, he is a Director of a Singapore newspaper and the manager of an insurance company.

Sir Alexander Small, the Colonial Secretary, attended a meeting of the Fund Committee and stated that Mr. Hau personally encouraged the activities of unlawful societies—the Vanguard Corps and an Anti-Enemy Society—and was backing up a society which had committed many acts of violence and terrorism in the name of Chinese patriotism.

Sir Alexander said that these dangerous societies were closely connected, while the Anti-Enemy Society was the organ of the Malayan Communist Party, which in itself was a dangerous subversive organization aiming at the overthrow of the government by open revolution.

## Danger To Peace

Sir Alexander referred to leaflets issued by the Anti-Enemy Society and drew attention to particularly inflammatory passages and drawings.

"While the government sympathises sincerely with the Chinese in China, these illegal organisations have become a danger to the peace and good order of the Colony," he said.

Mr. Hau is required to leave Malaya before December 31 and must not return.

# Flight Over Germany

## One British Plane Fails To Return

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that the R.A.F. carried out a successful reconnaissance flight over north-west Germany.

One plane did not return. Other air activity included an attack on German ships when, despite fierce A.A. fire, one bomb at least was seen to hit the stern of one vessel.

In two cases elsewhere three Dornier flying boats were put to rout. There were no British casualties.

## German Claims

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
BERLIN, Dec. 28 (UP).—The official news agency reports that Lieut. Col. Karl Schumacher, piloting a pursuit plane, shot down an R.A.F. bomber over the German coast today.

Schumacher commanded the squadron which the Germans claimed brought down 36 R.A.F. planes on December 18.

The news agency also reports that the German patrols increased their activity on the western front with "good results."

Another report said that, despite bad weather, the Germans carried out reconnaissance flights over the English coast on Wednesday.

# EUROPEAN FOUND DEAD

**CALLED** in by the landlord of the second floor of No. 34, Austin Road, Kowloon, police this morning discovered the body of Stephen Michael Tracey, a 30-year-old clerk who is believed to have recently arrived in the Colony.

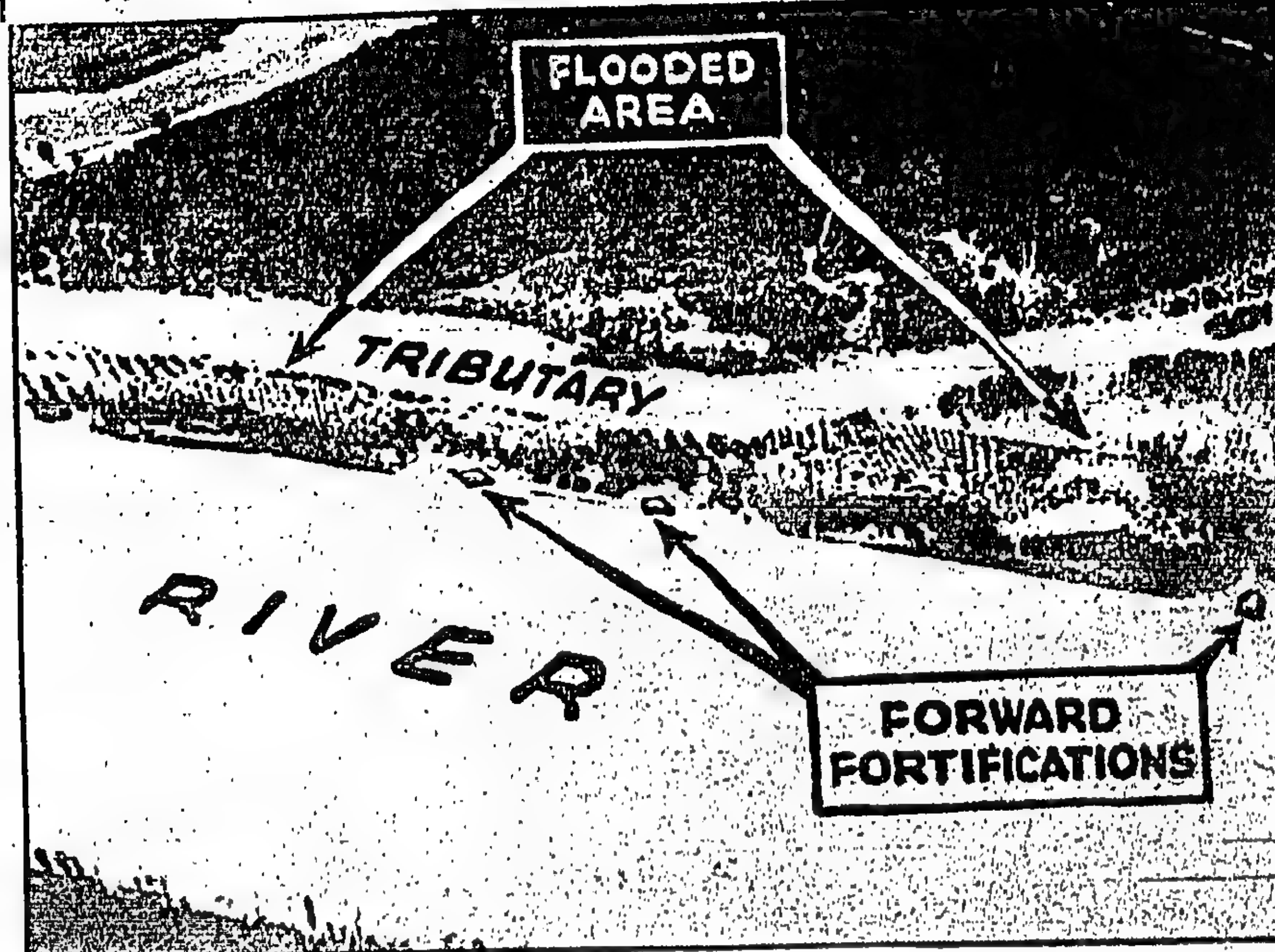
The discovery was made by Sgt. Matches, of Tsimshatsui Police Station. Tracey was lying across his bed.

The body was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary, where a post mortem was performed this morning.

The police, whose report states that suicide is suspected, refuse to reveal the result of the post mortem or any further details in connection with the death.

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# WASH-OUT ON THE SIEGFRIED LINE



This picture, received in Hongkong last night, is the first to reach the Colony of the flooded Siegfried Line. It was taken during one of the many reconnaissance flights made by Allied planes, and shows fortifications of the West Wall under water at a point near a river bank.

# HIGH COST OF TROOPS

## Belgium Finds It A Severe Burden

BRUSSELS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The expense of keeping troops mobilised was stressed by the Premier, M. Pierlot, speaking in the Senate today when he declared that the Government could not accept any amendments to the financial proposals already adopted by the Chamber which would have the effect of reducing revenue from the new taxes contained in them.

**Fears Belgium May Lose Out**  
"I am very much afraid that the result of the inter-Allied struggle between her neighbours and Belgium is the losing of her capital even if she is not called upon to give her blood. There are some people who show indifference when they are faced with danger or who appear to ignore it completely."

"Keeping troops continually in a state of mobilisation is an expensive matter and the cost ought to be met by an internal loan, for money borrowed abroad would be too dear, especially in view of the present conditions."

"The sacrifices which every Belgian is called upon to make are enormous, but safety is what our country demands of them."

# Freighter Aground Off New York

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP).—The British freighter, City of Singapore, sent a radio message at 10:20 a.m. today saying she was aground east of the Ambrose Lightship, about one mile inside the entrance to New York harbour.

## Vessel Refloated

The City of Singapore has been refloated, says "Reuter". She was apparently not seriously damaged.

# DUBLIN TENSION

## Search For I.R.A. Saboteurs

DUBLIN, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—An armed military cordon still ringed the city to-night as Police and troops continued the search for the ammunition stolen from Phoenix Park on Saturday.

Twenty arrests have already been made.

## City Completely Cordoned

In Dublin, military patrols continued to search all cars entering and leaving the city, which is so completely cordoned that it is impossible to enter or leave without passing through at least one patrol.

All pedestrians carrying cases are stopped and searched, and in the country districts the quest is even more thorough, for everyone, whether walking or cycling, has to submit to an examination and explain where they have come from and where they are going.

## Government Reward Offer

DUBLIN, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Government is offering a reward of £1,000 for information leading to the recovery of the stolen ammunition.

Substantial rewards will be paid in respect of any portion of the ammunition.

The number of arrest is now estimated at 30.

# TO DISCUSS WAR

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The South Rhodesian Minister of Justice and Defence is to visit London shortly by air for discussions on the war.

The main subject of his discussions will be war finance, but it is expected that expansion of air training in Rhodesia, supply of Rhodesian products and the further use of Rhodesian fruits will also be on the agenda.

# WHERE IS GOERING?

## Nazi Chief Believed To Be In Disgrace

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—"What has happened to Field Marshal Hermann Goering?" is a question people are asking in Germany, according to reports reaching here.

The Air Minister has been almost ostentatiously absent from all Christmas festivities.

It is recalled that when Hitler and General Walther von Brauchitsch visited the front, Hess and Goebbels made speeches and all the other Nazi leaders made public appearances, but Goering stayed quietly at Schorfheide, his country home, and did not even appear at the Christmas party for poor children in Berlin.

## At Loggerheads

But girls were distributed on his behalf by an obscure mayor of one of the districts of the capital.

Some people in Berlin suggest that Goering is deliberately keeping himself in the background until some definite issue emerges from the present argument about policy.

It is also said here that violent discussions are raging between the Party and the Army about the future conduct of the war, and Soviet relations.

These persons argue that Goering has decided to hold himself aloof until he sees his way more clearly.

**Quarrel With Hitler?**  
Rival theorists declare that Goering has already quarrelled with Hitler and is temporarily in disgrace, and is accordingly remaining behind the scenes until the trouble has blown over.

Whatever the reason for the Field Marshal's failure to participate in the war time Christmas, it is considered very strange in Germany.

# White Hall Evacuation

## 15,000 Civil Servants Leave London

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The evacuation of civil servants from London will continue.

It is announced that the Government has reconsidered the matter and it now reaffirms its decision that all Government departments which can function away from London must leave.

One estimate says that 15,000 civil servants have already gone, 5,000 more are expected to go shortly and 80,000 are still in London.

Those who still remain are expected to protest at any extension of the evacuation scheme.

# American Admiral Dies In Brooklyn

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP).—The Navy Department announced the death of Rear Admiral Julius C. Townsend, 60, at the Brooklyn Naval Hospital.

Admiral Townsend was Commandant of the Fourth Naval District Headquarters at Philadelphia at the time of his death.

# DANISH STEAMER SUNK BY MINE

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Danish steamer, Hanne, 1,080 tons, was sunk by a mine off the north-east coast today.

# RATIONING AT HOME

## 12 Ounces Of Sugar Each Week

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
LONDON, Dec. 28 (UP).—Britain will start sugar rationing on January 8 according to an official announcement made today.

As from that date each person will be allowed 12 ounces sugar a week.

Meat is also to be rationed in the near future, although the amounts and the date from which the rationing will start, are yet to be revealed.

## Bacon And Butter Also

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The official sugar rationing begins in Britain on January 8 together with bacon and butter.

The sugar ration will be 12 oz. per person per week.

All those in Britain must register for meat rationing by Monday week and the control of livestock begins a week later.

# H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

## BANKS

H.K. Banks, \$.....	1,345 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £202½ n.	
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £205 n.	
Chartered £.....	205 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £.....	204 n.
Mercantile, C. £.....	115 n.
East Asia £.....	78 n.

## INSURANCES

Canton \$.....	200 b. & sn.
Union \$.....	425 n.
China Underwriter \$.....	154 n.
H.K. Fire \$.....	155 n.

## SHIPPING

Douglas \$.....	71½ b.
Steamships \$.....	11 n.
Indo-Chinas P. \$.....	100 b.
Indo-Chinas D. \$.....	80 b.
Shell (Bearers) \$/-.....	80 n.
Waterboats \$.....	7½ n.

## DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$.....	102 n.
Docks \$.....	10.00/20—sn.
Provident \$.....	4.57½ n.
New Ind. Sh. \$.....	10.80 n.
Sh. Docks Sh. \$.....	214 n.

## Mining

Kailan \$/-.....	176 n.
Kailan ex. div. \$.....	10.10 n.
Venz. Gold \$.....	4 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....	4 n.

## LANDS

Hotels \$.....	5 sa.
Lands \$.....	33 b.
Lands 4% Deb. \$.....	110 n.
Shal Lands Sh. \$.....	114 n.
Humphreys \$.....	8.00 n.
H.K. Realities \$.....	4.30 b.
Chinese Estates ex. div. \$.....	101 n.

## UTILITIES

Trams \$.....	17 b.
Peak Trams (old) \$.....	3 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....	4 n.
Star Ferries \$.....	58 b.
Y. Ferries \$.....	2.00 n.
China Lights (old) \$.....	7.00 n.
China Lights (new) \$.....	4.85 n.
H.K. Electric \$.....	32.75 b.
Macao Electric \$.....	18 n.
Sandakan Lights ex. div. \$.....	11.00 b.
Telephones (old) \$.....	24½ b. & sn.
Telephones (new) \$.....	9 b. & sn.
Tractions \$.....	10/5 n.
Tractions (old) \$.....	10/5 n.

## INDUSTRIALS

Cold Macq. (Ord.) Sh. \$.....	14.90 n.
Cold Macq. (Pref.) Sh. \$.....	13 n.
Canton Ice \$.....	1 n.
Cement \$.....	10.00/17—
H.K. Rope \$.....	6 b.

## 100% S.A.

Dairy Farms (old) \$.....	21½ n.
Dairy Farms (new) \$.....	20.50 b.
Watson \$.....	8.50 b. & sn.
Lane, Crawford \$.....	7½ n.
Sincere \$.....	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....	41 n.
Powell Ltd. \$.....	1 n.

## Euro Sh.

Euro Sh. \$.....	20½ n.
Shal Cotton Sh. ex. div. \$.....	150 n.
Zong Sing Sh. \$.....	44 n.
Wing On Textiles Sh. \$.....	48½ n.

## MISC.

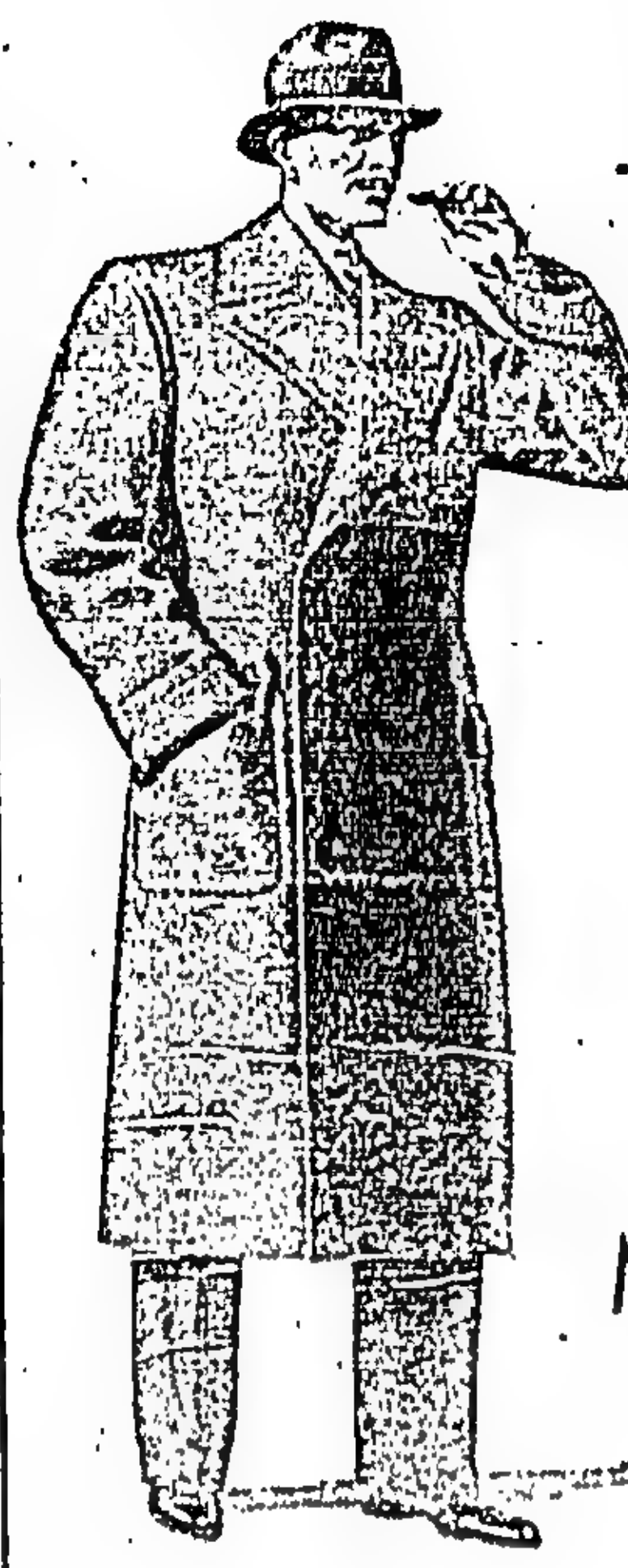
H.K. Entertainments \$.....	634 b.
Constructions (old) \$.....	1.75 b. & sa.
Constructions (new) \$.....	1 n.
Vibro Piling \$.....	8½ n.
Ch. Govt 5% 1925 \$.....	48 n.
G. Bonds \$.....	100 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan \$.....	100 n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan \$.....	97½ n.
Marmans (Lon.) \$/-.....	14/8 n.
Marmans (H.K.) \$/-.....	4/- n.

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  - C2713—One Night of Love Memories. Cribbirt. Habanera. (Carmen). One Fine Day (Butterfly) Sempra Libera (Trovato).
  - C2716—Ballad Memories. Sweet and Low. Come Sing to Me. Three Fishery Dear Little Shamrock. God Send You Back. Solly in Our Alley. New Mayfair Dance Orch. (Vocal).
  - C2719—Jerome Kern Melodies. Look for the Silver Lining. Who. She didn't say Yes. Wild Rose. Blue Eyes. Dancing Time. London Palladium Orch.
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### Records For Dividends And Time: Encarnacao Heads Jockey List

(By "Captain Foster")

DECEMBER 16 was undoubtedly a red letter day to the Hongkong Jockey Club when a good few thousand regular followers of the turf turned up at Happy Valley to see the closing of 1939's flat racing. It was the last meet of a series of 13 Extra Race Meetings, and was without any doubt a grand success, and we have to thank Mr. Clerk of the Weather for providing a glorious sunny afternoon.

History was made in the fifth event, the Tardy Handicap over a mile for "B" class China ponies (first leg of the daily double), when the race club took in a colossal aggregate sum of \$131,790 from the four betting counters and they were made up as follows:

5,800 tickets cash sweep at \$2 each	\$11,600
5,320 chances for win at \$5 each	26,600
5,484 " for a place at \$5 each	27,420
11,528 " "first leg" \$5 each	\$57,640
Plus carried over 1,706 chances \$5	8,530
	<b>\$131,790</b>

I said in my last that the carrying over of the daily double pool was a consolation to those punters who failed to connect the second leg at the previous meeting, but one never expected to see the sale amounting to 11,528 chances. The gamble represented a turnover of \$57,640 which racegoers wanted to kill the fatted calf of \$7,523.

However, as the Club anticipated a big sale, and the cash sweep booth reserved for members was employed to meet the heavy demand, but the two counters were inadequate to cope the rush. As a matter of fact, long before the weighing-in of the previous event, the Hongkong Autumn Sub-Griffins Champions, was finished, the sale had already commenced, and the "head over heels" scramble was so great that the Stewards ordered a twenty minutes delay of the running of the first leg of the daily double.

Under the category of win and place, the sale of tickets for the Tardy Handicap was 5,320 and 5,484 respectively, which summed together would give a total of only 10,804 as against 11,528 chances taken for the first leg, and in the circumstances it will be seen that the public took more interest in the Daily Double than in the pari-mutuel betting.

#### HANDICAPPER ONE UP

A COMPLIMENTARY word or two must be accorded the handicapper, who had a pretty point to decide in weighing together the ponies that ran in each division of the Stakes Handicap, for Oak Bay, who was always in the second section, nearly landed a coup. Mr. Stanton's grey old stalker succumbed to New Star by a short head, and there were only 250 tickets on Oak Bay as against 2,770 on New Star. It was certainly a close shave.

Potential, the red hot favourite, disappointed the public to the extent of 3,025 chances, but Mr. Encarnacao made amends in the second leg, riding a fine race on Roseanna. It may not be known that six chances of the first leg were not exchanged, and it would interest one to know what the holders of these tickets were doing?

A record sale of 6,701 chances for win, and 5,511 for place was established in the Queensland Autumn Champions for the Australian ponies, when the two reached an aggregate total of 12,212 eclipsing the run of 12,150 sold in the Manly Handicap on June 5 last by 62 tickets.

#### RECORD OF FINISHES

THERE WERE actually (including the Annual Carnival) 21 days of racing, and 197 events were contested during the year under review. Racing was always of very high standard with plenty of thrills and exciting finishes.

I have taken a little patience to aggregate the margin of defeats with the following results:

Dead Heat	4
Short Head	17
A Head	6
A Neck	22
1/4 Length	22
1/2 Length	22
3/4 Length	13
1 Length	24
2 Lengths	36
2 1/2 Lengths	3
3 Lengths	20
4 Lengths	4
5 Lengths	3
6 Lengths	0
Many Lengths	0
<b>197 races</b>	

### C. ENCARNACAO HEADS THE JOCKEYS

TAKING EVERYTHING on the whole we have had exceptionally fine weather during the year for all our extra meetings excepting that the Second Day of the Whitsun Carnival had to be postponed on account of the heavy rain. There were 197 races at Happy Valley, 13 runs at Fanling and 57 contests at Macao, totalling 267 events.

It may be interesting to know that only 58 jockeys were placed and the ranking list is as follows:

	1st	2nd	3rd
C. Encarnacao	24	22	14
V. V. Needa	25	21	20
A. W. Raymond	19	9	11
D. Black	18	20	11
L. B. Chao	17	6	12
H. C. Pih	15	25	16
S. C. Lung	15	17	14
B. L. Fao	10	10	6
Il. J. A. Heerne	9	27	11
S. W. Pan	9	8	8
P. Y. T. Wei	8	17	12
B. A. Proulx	8	9	0
S. L. Yuen	7	7	14
T. L. Wong	6	4	2
S. L. Sung	6	3	4
J. Polo-Hung	6	2	2
P. L. Chiu	6	2	2
K. I. Ip	5	0	4
C. F. Chiu	5	1	2
F. Marshall	4	4	5
G. W. Cooper	4	4	3
W. G. Poy	3	6	0
C. F. H. Churchill	3	2	0
G. Traverson	3	1	1
G. R. Payne	2	2	3
H. P. Chanson	2	3	5
Ho Hong-ping	2	3	1
W. H. S. Davis	2	3	1
In Kiu-ying	2	2	5
S. W. Tang	2	2	2
Yang Wing-kwai	2	2	2
H. M. Bolehe	2	2	2
C. L. Gregory	2	1	2
Y. T. Fung	2	1	2
W. N. Yeh	1	1	4
Hoo Pak-ming	1	1	2
T. W. Chatterly	1	1	1
M. W. Wood	1	1	1
A. D. Coplin	1	1	1
R. Barrow	1	1	1
R. B. Moller	1	1	1
P. P. Botelho	1	1	1
Y. Y. Woo	1	1	1
K. K. C. Chui	1	1	1
K. F. Chiu	1	1	1
F. F. Man-wa	1	1	1
K. W. Fung	1	1	1
M. F. L. Haymes	1	1	1
S. W. Lee	1	1	1
A. H. Cheape	1	1	1
G. R. Butler	1	1	1
R. G. Eyre	1	1	1
G. W. Hook	1	1	1
L. A. Lewis	1	1	1
P. Randolph	1	1	1
O. R. Suckley	1	1	1
H. J. Cowie	1	1	1

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IN order to arrive at the above figures one has to reckon that there were five events with only two starters and there were four dead heats for the first place. There were eight dead heats for second place, but one event had a triplet and there were two for the lowest position in the frame.

Mr. Encarnacao heads the list for the second time in succession with 24 wins 22 seconds and 14 thirds (a ratio of 25-19-17 scored during 1939), and in the circumstance he was led 70 times to the dismounting enclosure outside the Weighing Room.

#### TRACK RECORDS

THE merit of his success was coupled with four new track records established at the Annual Carnival on Portrush (1/4 mile in 58 1/2 seconds), Desert Cliff (from the 1/4 mile post in 1.05) and Rose Elect (six furlongs in 1.23 1/2) and the Derby over 1 1/4 miles in 2.55 1/2). Mr. Encarnacao also piloted Rose Elect to victory in the Easter Stakes over a mile run on April 10 in 1.55, the time being equivalent to the record held by Diana Bay, but this track figure was lowered in the Taiipo Handicap on November 18 when Confusion Bay, ably assisted by Mr. Black, covered a mile in 1.54, beating the old by a second.

The Shanghai crack jockey was in great form on the Second Day of the Whitsun Meeting when he registered a "hat trick" on Some Hope, Chiltern and Rose-Queen, and the achievement was duplicated on Rose Emily, Rosa Evelyn and Chiltern at the Ninth Extra Meeting on October 21.

The second best jockey was Mr. Needa with a ratio of 25-21-20, but Mr. Heerne holds the record of scoring 22 seconds.

There is no doubt that 1939 must have been a lucky year to Messrs. J. Barrow, T. W. Chatterly, A. D. Coplin, Hoo Pak-ming and G. R. Payne, for all of them broke their "duck" this season, and both C. F. Chiu and K. I. Ip graduated on Golden Cow and West Lake respectively to join the "black letters" brigade.

### FARR READY TO FLY ATLANTIC TO FIGHT JOE LOUIS

AIRCRAFTMAN TOMMY FARR is so keen for a fight with Joe Louis that he is prepared to fly the Atlantic for it. He said so yesterday. Mr. Jacobs, the promoter, has offered him a fight with Louis, for the world's heavy-weight championship, in New York, on March 15. It all depends on whether Tommy can get the necessary leave. "I wouldn't want much time off," he told a reporter, "because I might fly each way. You can take it that I shall go all out for this title." In accepting Mike Jacobs' offer, Farr asked for 20 per cent. of the gate, Jacobs agreed. This would be Farr's second fight with Louis. The first time Louis won on points after a close and terrific fight.

### J. A. GUARD SCORES 101 WITH APERTURE SIGHTS ON STONECUTTERS RANGE

Although conditions on Saturday were ideal at the Hongkong Rifle Association's spoon and practice shoot at Stonecutters Range, only 40 members were present. J. A. Guard, Dockyard Rifle Club, returned a very good score in the Aperture Sights class when he topped the list with 101. The handicap spoon in this class was won by A. Simpson, Dockyard Rifle Club.

#### Golf

### Holiday Competitions At Fanling

Several golf competitions were held over the Old and New Courses at Fanling during the Christmas holidays.

In the Bogey Par Pool on the Old Course, T. Low (13) and J. M. Tomlinson (12) were one up and tied, dividing the spoils. There were 60 entries.

In the Medal Round held over the Old Course, J. T. Smith, Colony and Club Champion, returned a scratch score of 74 and tied with W. J. E. Mackenzie, who had a card of 80 (-10) 7. They divided the spoils. T. Low actually returned a better score

### Another Hole-in-one At Fanling

Playing the sixth hole (121 yards) on the Relief Course of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Fanling, over the Christmas holidays, Mrs. E. S. Doughty holed in one. The hole is known as the Tea Table.

of 82 (-13) 69, but could not take a prize as this was the same round as the winning one in the Par Pool. There were only 24 entries in this Medal Round.

The Bogey Par Pool held over the New Course was won by H. Overy (20), who was one up. There were 17 entries.

The Mixed Bogey Par on the New Course attracted 21 entries and was won by J. W. Mayhew (10) and Mrs. W. N. A. Smalley (18), who finished all square.

### NOBODY WANTS A HORSE FOR NOTHING!

WHAT can be the matter with Flummery—the bay Australian hunter and steeplechaser of 143 hands which had won and been placed many times at Kwanti? Offered free to anyone at the pony rump at Happy Valley yesterday, there were no takers!

There were eleven ponies in all offered for auction, but only six were sold. The highest price was \$450 paid by Mr. Tang Man-wa for Tribulation, a 1938 sub. griffin, 14 hands. National Pride and Pinarings were withdrawn, as bids did not reach the reserve price of \$1,600.

Ponies sold, their purchasers and the prices paid were: The Emerald, a chestnut 1939 sub. griffin, Mr. T. C. Yuen, \$50; Tiger Eyes, a skew 1939 sub. griffin, Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield, \$50; Factorio, a chestnut 1939 griffin, Mr. S. W. Tang, \$50; Gold Sovereign, a bay 1939 sub. griffin, Mr. F. M. L. Soares, \$35; Soldier of China, a grey 1934 griffin, Mr. S. W. Tang, \$35; Tribulation, a 1938 grey sub. griffin, Mr. Tang Man-wa, \$400.

### Fine Double Win For J. Barrow: Favourites Disappoint Punters

(By "Captain Foster")

KWANTI RACECOURSE never had a bigger attendance of true lovers of geo-gees than that on Boxing Day, when the Fanling Hunt and Race Club opened their season with a nice programme of six hard fought contests. The meet was graced by the presence of His Excellency the Governor accompanied by Lady Northcote and the Colony's leading lights, and it was certainly a grand success.

With the exception of the Canberra Handicap (a "chase" over the Derby course) in which Major Oliver's Sea Urchin annexed the jump by the length of the street, the result of the remaining events was very close affairs, and the red hot favourites disappointed their followers very badly. Every jumping or flat racing event was keenly contested and the atmosphere was certainly horsey, because every candidate had hosts of Yuletide holiday makers.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. J. Barrow, who captured the Jorrock's Plate and the main event, the Fanling Cup, with his Widnes and Jack O'Lantern respectively, and, furthermore, he came into double prominence by being the jockey on the winners. I am sure many of us must have read something about "Who Was John Jorrock's," but I assure readers that the jockey on Widnes in the Jorrock's Plate was not "a stiff, square-built, middle-sized man" for in the main event Mr. Barrow could draw 145 lbs. on Jack O'Lantern.

In the flat events Happy Valley jockeys could not hold their own against the country riders, for Mr. Poy was the only member to win on his own mount—Dick Turpin. Mr. T. W. Chatterly had also a double win on Sea Urchin and Palmer; the latter pony just managed in the nick of time by a short head.

TAIPO HANDICAP A Popular Victory

EBONY Idol's victory in the Taiipo Handicap (a "chase" of 1 1/4 miles) was very popular owing to the great fight he put up over the last fence, and this was the first win for Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin after a sequence

of many disappointments at Happy Valley. Clowner, who was second, carried 26 lbs. over the allotment, and it would be advisable to punters to take a note of the excessive lead. My fancy (Three Farthings) was third, a very long way behind, but it should also be borne in mind that the jockey lost his near stirrup before approaching the open ditch.

Howver, Amber II, with Mr. S. L. Yuen in the saddle, was unlucky to go under the winner (Dick Turpin) by half length, for the combination did not get a clear passage after completion.

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#### JORROCK'S PLATE

#### Beaten On The Post

I THOUGHT The Minx was almost a certainty for the Jorrock's Plate, for he led the whole way, in fact he was the first to go over the top of the last hurdle, but in the last fifty yards from the touch line he began to flag and was beaten on the post.

#### HOBART HANDICAP

#### Unnoticed Excess

MACQUARIE River weighed out for the Hobart Handicap reserved for Australian ponies with 8 lbs. over the amount allotted by the handicapper Mr. Alves, and it seemed strange that the public took no notice of the excess, for the bay gelding was well supported in the pari-mutuel, in fact, second favourite.

Riding as hard as he could, and coupled with the full use of the whip, Mr. "Pinky" Botelho could not get his mount to be among the first three.

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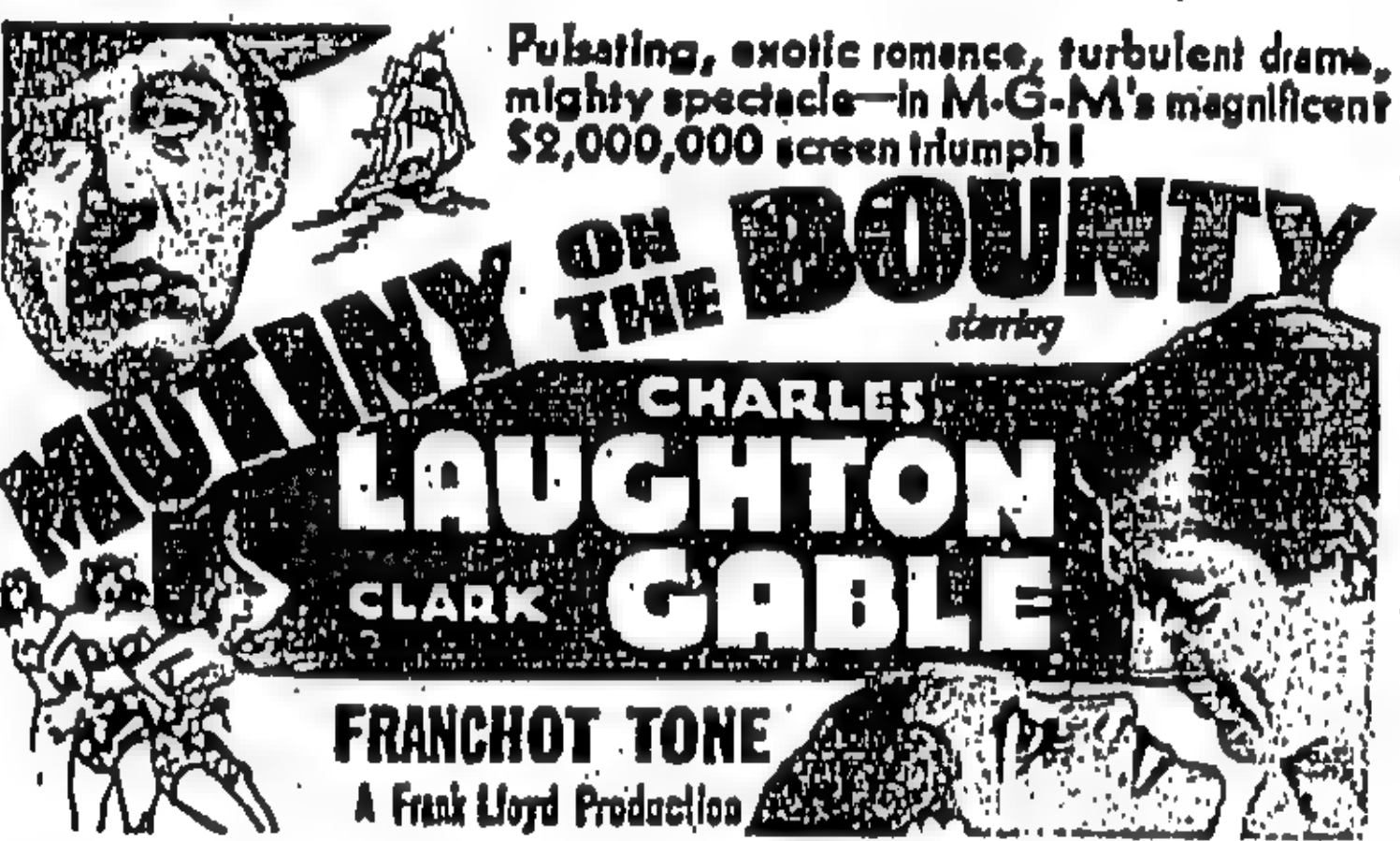


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## 1939 "PIMPERNELS" AWAIT ADVENTURE

SMOKING a pipe in his flat in Eccleston-square, S.W., sits a little bald-headed architect.

As he smokes, he is planning a war-time courier service. He ran one during the last war.

Just as they did last time, his men and women will journey from capital to capital.

Sometimes they will carry samples of silk to be matched in Paris, sometimes they will take school-girls to destinations in Switzerland, sometimes shoes and perfume for a Bond-street shop, or even, occasionally, a note from a French politician to a British Cabinet Minister.

Doubtless, too, the couriers will be assisted by as many spies as they were in the last war, and may succeed in handling over a few more to the authorities.

The architect, Mr. A. B. Houchin, started his Franco-British courier service because he happened to have an office in Paris in 1914, and architecture did not seem to have much of an immediate future.

He found dozens of old men and women, girls and children stranded in Paris, too frightened to travel home alone.

So he grouped them into parties, and brought them back to London himself.

### Beset By Spies

Then he engaged several professional men and women—lawyers, ex-soldiers, journalists, painters—and sent them off on a regular courier service across Europe.

By the end of the war there were 10 of them.

"We did every sort of job," he said, "from bringing over a few luxury articles for big firms to carrying letters for Cabinet Ministers, and duplicates of Government dispatches."

"The spies were on to us when we started to carry official documents. Men and women would try to get into conversation with the couriers on trains and boats."

"The couriers always reported to me, and I went straight round to Basil Thomson, head of the British Intelligence."

### Disguised

"Very rarely could I tell him anything he did not already know."

"Our most sensational spy was a woman whom one of our couriers, an ex-Guardsman, noticed frequently on the cross-Channel boats."

"He was puzzled because she came aboard in heavy boots, and immediately changed into light shoes. We told Basil Thomson about her. He made curiously little comment."

"Some time later he said to me one day: 'You remember that woman in the boots on the cross-Channel boat? He's dead.'"

"The woman was a man in disguise."

### Rescue Job

The most romantic job on which Mr. Houchin's organisation ever embarked was that of trying to rescue an Englishman from the infamy in German-occupied Cambrai, where he had lain sick at the outbreak of war.

"It was to have been a regular Scarlet Pimpernel affair," Mr. Houchin said.

"Some of our men were going to cross the front lines at night. But the sick man died before we could start."

"Through the agency of a Dutch business man, however, I did get back to this country the abandoned baggage of English and American tourists which the Germans had stacked high in Cologne Cathedral."

Already Mr. Houchin had seven men, mostly ex-soldiers, and a few women for his new courier service. Their journeys are being mapped out through Europe. This time many of the journeys will be by air.

As for post-war development, the professor stressed two points. Since China's surplus would be very small

the present system of land tenure was intolerable. Industrial development was very important, but it was not likely to reduce the land problem, though it might prevent it from becoming worse.

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## IT'S A SMALL WORLD IF YOU GO BY AIR

BOSTON.—Jules Verne got streamlined at East Boston Airport when two dapper young Chinese students stepped off a plane just one week out of Hongkong, 8,000 miles away.

Landing almost in the shadow of the place where Donald McKay launched The Flying Cloud and other great sea clippers—boats that despite their sleekness measured time to the Orient in terms of months instead of weeks—Wong Shen Moy and Ung Bo Hung, hastening back to Boston classes, thought little more of their journey than a Wellesley girl would of returning by train to St. Louis.

The two men left Hongkong on a Pan American flying boat. The first day they flew to Manila, Philippines, stopping over a day while the plane's engine was checked. The following day they flew to Guam and Wake Islands, losing a day when they crossed the international dateline between Wake and Midway Islands.

From Midway they flew to Honolulu and from Hawaii it was an 18-hour over-sea hop to San Francisco.

They left San Francisco at 12:20 p.m., and arrived in Newark at 8:52 next morning, a voyage for which the Flying Cloud set an 89-day sailing record!

They breakfasted in Newark, caught the 10:30 Boston plane, and arrived here at 11:30 a.m. the same morning. Cost: \$750 apiece, one way.

## China will Face Many Problems after the War

### FLEET STREET.

Professor R. H. Tawney, speaking on the post-war development of China, at a luncheon organised by the China Campaign Committee, said that in spite of the loss of human life and the economic loss caused by the present war in China, he thought the war had contributed something to the solution of problems with which the Government had been faced.

It had done more for the practical unification of the country in two years than had been accomplished in the twenty preceding years. The fact that the Government and other institutions had been moved to the provinces of Szechwan, Yunnan, and Kwelchow had made the Chinese aware of the rich resources of mineral, timber, and agricultural wealth of these districts, of which the majority had hitherto known little. The war had also given considerable impetus to the development of heavy industries, hitherto the weakest part of China's economy, but in spite of the war the main problems remained.

The Government had done a great deal in the past few years to improve transport conditions, but that problem remained. China's permanent problem was not that of the industrial worker, but of the peasant cultivator, and it seemed that his lot had got worse during the past two generations. As long as his present condition remained, China would continue to stumble from the bottom.

The peasant cultivator suffered from floods, his methods were primitive, he was shamelessly exploited by the middle man, money-lender, landlord, and tax collector.

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for all the necessary reconstructive work, it was important that it should be properly used. He thought the Government should create an investments board which should divert investments from the coast to the interior. Secondly, the Administration, which had seemed to him the weak point in China's system, should be improved. The machinery was there, but the wheels did not run. This was one of the things of a technical kind which China could learn from the West. China's main job would be to organise her economic and political systems, at the same time maintaining her own native admirable virtues.

## U.S.S.R. GROWING MORE FOOD

Radio Proudly Gives Latest Figures

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Moscow radio gave prominence last night to the statement by M. Pronin, Vice-Commissioner of the Food Industry, in which he claimed that the Soviet Union food production had considerably increased this year and that a further increase was ensured next year.

M. Pronin stated that the Soviet output of bread in 1939 exceeded that of 1938 by 1,728,000 tons; the production of vegetable oils had increased by 51,000 tons; macaroni by 72,000 tons and champagne by 2,000,000-bottles.

Numerous new bread, sugar and tinned food factories will be opened next year.

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## Hitler Has Four 35,000-Ton Battleships On The Stocks

# GERMANY, BRITAIN ENGAGED IN WORLD'S GREATEST NAVAL RACE

## BUT HITLER CAN'T BUILD WARSHIPS QUICK ENOUGH

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, DEC. 28 (REUTER).—SHROUDED IN THE DEEPEST SECRECY, THE NAVAL YARDS OF THE ALLIES AND GERMANY ARE WORKING UNDER FULL PRESSURE FOR 24 HOURS A DAY AND SEVEN DAYS A WEEK IN THE MOST DRAMATIC NAVAL RACE FOR CENTURIES.

Germany is known to be producing at least four 35,000 tons battleships, two of which were launched in 1939, namely the Bismarck and the Von Tirpitz. At least one more have probably been laid down.

They are carrying eight 15-inch guns with supplementary armament and four aeroplanes with launching catapults.

They will have a speed of 30 knots.

### WON'T BE READY FOR YEAR

Despite the desperate efforts of the naval staffs, it is not believed that the Bismarck and the Von Tirpitz will be completed before the end of 1940.

Germany is also constructing two aircraft carriers, at least five 10,000 cruisers and is turning out U-boats as fast as possible to replace the losses.

She is directing so much energy to turning out U-boats that she has possibly slowed down the rate of production of the larger ships.

## Peace Now Would Be Suicide For Allies

—Says American

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The "Times" Washington correspondent says that at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Mr. Clifton Utley, of the Chicago Council of Foreign Relations, declared that the Allied Powers would take a "major step toward imperial suicide" if a European peace was made now.

He predicted that the conflict could continue through 1940 with losses for all, including neutrals, and peace for none.

Mr. Utley put bluntly what others are now saying in the unlikelihood that any early peace initiative from a neutral source could succeed.

The general effect is to lend force to the reminder from President Roosevelt that a "specific plan" is not in sight and from the Pope that the "opportune moment" must be awaited.

### War Must Continue

What is implicit in the President's letter of December 23 and the Pope's address to the College of Cardinals, says Walter Lippman, the well-known columnist, is that "the war will continue since Hitler and Stalin are as yet not prepared to meet the indispensable condition of peace—reparation of the wrongs done to Poland, Finland and Czechoslovakia."

### Post-War Order

President Roosevelt spoke of the liberation of those countries as the day that would "loose the captives and consume their conquerors in a fire of their own kindling," but Lippman is at one with the Pope in the belief that the extent of the reparation to come should not be determined by the conquerors alone.

"Unless the rest of the world participates in founding a post-war order, there will be no enduring settlement in a world which will need a programme of relief, reconstruction and spiritual succour beyond anything that was ever undertaken in history," he says.

President Roosevelt is sending Mr. Myron Taylor to Rome to express the good will and the influence of American churches to the same end.

He will also have to see to it that Congress, which will meet next month, can raise above party politics to the same high ultimate purpose.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—All schools in Mexico giving religious instruction have been banned by an official decree.

## NAZI SHIP SCUTTLED

### Another Big Loss For Mercantile Marine

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Paris-Radio announced last night that the 7,000 ton Hamburg motor-ship Duisburg, which left a Spanish port in a desperate attempt to steal through the blockade, has been scuttled by the crew.

The vessel, belonging to the Hamburg-America Line, was yesterday ordered to leave by a British patrol ship, according to the Paris report.

The Duisburg endeavoured to escape, but finding that the British vessel was overtaking her, she abandoned the attempt.

Her sea-cocks were opened and she was in a sinking condition when her crew were taken off.

Britain has five 35,000 tons battleships nearing completion, namely King George V, Prince of Wales, Duke of York, Jellicoe and Beatty, mounting 10 14-inch guns entirely of a new model with effective range greater than the old 15-inchers.

Special attention is directed against air attacks, and to meet the submarine menace the armour at the water line is 16 inches thick.

The speed of these warships is 30 knots.

Also planned are four larger battleships carrying 16-inchers. These battleships are in possession of very high speed.

The Lion and Temeraire are already laid down, and also a vessel of smaller warships are being turned out to meet the U-boat menace.

They are being produced in such numbers that the Navy regards with equanimity Germany's vaunted submarine programme.

At the same time, three Swedish volunteer contingents have arrived, and a large Danish ambulance unit is on the way.

The appeals from Finland for active as well as moral support have received a reply in the broadcast by the Norwegian Foreign Minister. He said that Norway must pursue her course of non-participation, because her whole defence system is based on that idea.

Nevertheless Norway joins wholeheartedly in all appeals for moral and humanitarian aid.

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## 15 MILLION HAVE DIED

IN THE LAST four centuries, 15,000,000 people have perished in earthquakes. Wednesday's disaster in Asia Minor is the worst recorded since the Tokyo earthquake on September 1, 1923, when 156,000 died.

The two greatest earthquakes recorded in history have occurred in Kansu province in China in the present century. In 1920 more than 350,000 people were wiped out while, on May 23, 1927, the province suffered another toll of over 180,000.

Other big earthquakes this century have been:

	Killed
May 8, 1908 —	
Martinez —	30,000
December 31, 1908 —	
Messina —	77,283
January 18, 1916 —	
Abruzzi (Italy) —	24,000
September 1, 1923 —	
Tokyo —	156,000
July 23, 1930 —	
Naples —	1,476
March 3, 1933 —	
Japan —	2,000
April 28, 1935 —	
Formosa —	3,185
May 21, 1935 —	
Quetta —	38,000

## World Again Rocked By Subterranean Collapses

# 40,000 DEAD IN TURKISH EARTHQUAKE DISASTER

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

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Further earthquakes are reported to-day from the Rand in South Africa, from the Bolsona mountains in Italy, from Salinas, Monterey and the Pacific grove in California and from Santa Cruz in South America.

Earthquakes have already occurred during the past week in South America, California, the Banda Sea—the latter was one of the heaviest shocks recorded for many years but was attended by no loss of life because it occurred in an uninhabited area—from Tangiers, and from Soviet Russia.

### 80 CITIES RAZED

In Asia Minor, where eighty cities and villages have been razed to the ground, the death roll has now risen to the highest number recorded since the Tokyo disaster in 1923.

An area of a quarter of a million square miles of Asia Minor has become the tomb of 40,000 people.

The city of Erzinjan, with a population of 100,000, has been partly sealed by the military authorities.

Thousands of survivors were thrown into uncontrollable panic yesterday when further shocks were recorded.

Dead bodies are littering the streets and the ravaged towns.

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## Imperial Headquarters Keep Own Losses Quiet

# JAPANESE CLAIM CHINA'S WAR DEAD 1,218,462

TOKYO, DEC. 29 (DOMEI).—A TOTAL OF 1,218,462 DEAD HAVE BEEN ABANDONED BY CHINESE ARMIES IN THE BATTLEFIELDS BETWEEN THE BEGINNING OF THE SINO-JAPANESE CONFLICT IN JULY, 1937, AND THE END OF NOVEMBER, THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE ARMY DEPARTMENT OF THE IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS.

Adding to the figures those who have been wounded, deserted or surrendered to the Japanese or have otherwise been lost, the total losses sustained by Chinese forces are estimated at 3,000,000, the communique claims.

## New York Clogged With Allied War Materials

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP).—Sixty Lockheed bombers, 1,500 Studebaker trucks, 1,000 White trucks, thousands of trench diggers and tons of food supplies are among the war cargoes which are now clogging

USHERING IN 1940

## CARNIVALS GALORE

### Record Bookings At The Hotels

HONGKONG'S FIRST WAR NEW YEAR'S EVE WILL ALSO BE ITS MERRIEST AND MADDEST.

This is indicated by the fact that bookings at the ever-popular Gipsies (Hongkong Hotel) are so heavy for New Year's Eve that the Management has been forced to announce that no further reservations can be accepted after 7 p.m. to-night.

Owing to the extremely heavy pressure on space in the Grill Room, PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

## PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA STARTS

CARACAS, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The start of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca was marked to-day by the ceremony of the Holy Carpet, which will be laid over the Kaaba, the most holy relic of Islam, in the courtyard of the Mosque at Mecca.

Reviewing the activities of the Japanese army in the past year, the communique makes the ambiguous claim that following the fall of the Wuhan cities, the Chinese G.H.Q. have been compelled "by circumstances to continue resistance."

DURING the offensive on Hainan Island, about 1,000 Chinese troops have been repulsed with 230 dead abandoned and 30 taken prisoner.

About 10 Chinese divisions were engaged by Japanese forces during the tactical operation near Anlu in Hubei. Chinese dead totalled 1,750 dead and 85 prisoners were taken.

Encountering about 7 divisions of Chinese troops, the Japanese troops killed 6,117 Chinese in the tactical operation on Hainan, in Kiangsu Province.

About 20 divisions of Chinese troops were engaged by Japanese forces during the offensive on Nanchang. Chinese dead totalled 12,300, while 2,870 Chinese prisoners were taken.

About 20 divisions of Chinese troops fought in the Japanese offensive near Shanyang in northern Hubei. Chinese abandoned 17,500 dead and 1,007 Chinese troops were taken prisoner.

In the Swatow offensive, Japanese defeated about 2,000 Chinese troops, of whom 600 were killed and 107 taken prisoner.

About 130,000 Chinese troops fought in the Japanese offensive near Luan in Shansi, Chinese abandoned 12,700 dead and 900 Chinese prisoners were taken.

Hongkong Warfare  
During the operation near the border of Hongkong about 1,000 Chinese were killed.

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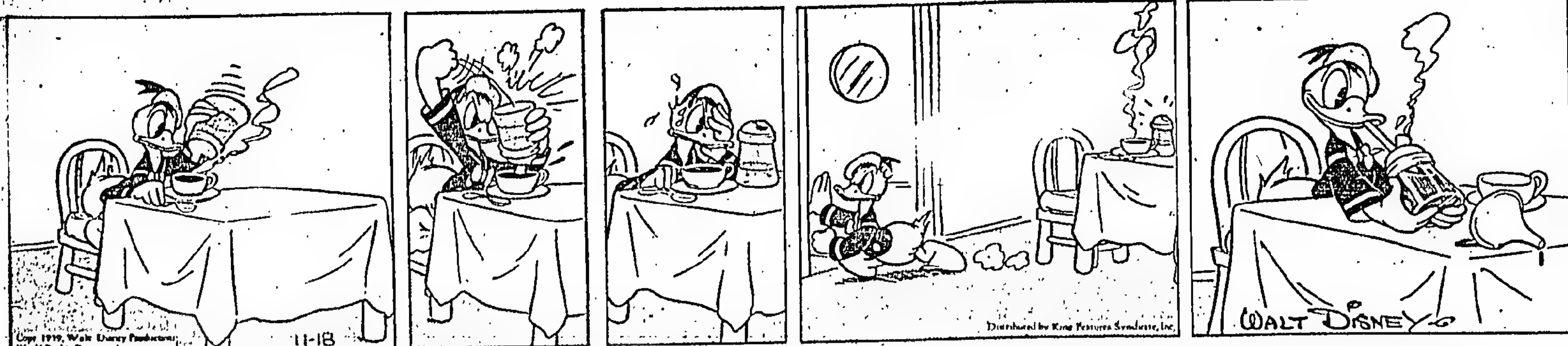


The agreement, which was presented through Swiss and American good offices, provides that all men over 40 and all women and children will be exchanged.

A similar arrangement is hoped shortly to be arranged between Germany and France, but in that case the age limit for the exchanged men will be 35.



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## Singapore Chinese Leader Expelled

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
 SINGAPORE, Dec. 28 (UP).—The Government has issued an expulsion order against a prominent Chinese resident, Mr. Hau Say-hoan, a member of the China Relief Fund Committee which sends millions of dollars annually to China.

Mr. Hau is alleged to have encouraged unlawful societies under the cloak of genuinely patriotic activities.

In addition to being a member of the Fund Committee, he is a Director of a Singapore newspaper and the manager of an insurance company.

Sir Alexander Small, the Colonial Secretary, attended a meeting of the Fund Committee and stated that Mr. Hau personally encouraged the activities of unlawful societies—the Vanguard Corps and an Anti-enemy Society—and was backing up a society which had committed many acts of violence and terrorism in the name of Chinese patriotism.

Sir Alexander said that these dangerous societies were closely connected, while the Anti-enemy Society was the organ of the Malayan Communist Party, which in itself was a dangerous subversive organisation aiming at the overthrow of the government by open revolution.

**Danger To Peace**  
 Sir Alexander referred to leaflets issued by the Anti-enemy Society, and drew attention to particularly inflammatory passages and drawings.

"While the government sympathises sincerely with the Chinese in China, these illegal organisations have become a danger to the peace and good order of the Colony," he said.

Mr. Hau is required to leave Malaya before December 31 and must not return.

## British Statesmen Entertained

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The French Minister of the Interior was host at a luncheon yesterday to Sir Samuel Hoare, the Lord Privy Seal, Lord Hankey, Minister Without Portfolio, and Sir Ronald Campbell, the British Ambassador.

## EX-GERMAN PILOTS JOIN THE ALLIES

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Three airmen, crack German pilots of the last war, have joined the Active Citizens Unit of the South African Air Force. Their names are not being made public because they still have relatives in Germany, but one of them is one of the most famous war pilots Germany ever had.

## WHERE IS GOERING?

Nazi Chief Believed To Be In Disgrace

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—"What has happened to Field Marshal Hermann Goering?" is a question people are asking in Germany, according to reports reaching here.

The Air Minister has been almost ostentatiously absent from all Christmas festivities.

It is recalled that when Hitler and General Walther von Brauns visited the front, Hess and Goebbels made speeches and all the other Nazi leaders made public appearances, but Goering stayed quietly at Schorfheide, his country home, and did not even appear at the Christmas party for poor children in Berlin.

**At Loggerheads**  
 But gifts were distributed on his behalf by an obscure mayor of one of the districts of the capital.

Some people in Berlin suggest that Goering is deliberately keeping himself in the background until some definite issue emerges from the present argument about policy.

It is stated here that violent discussions are raging between the Party and the Army about the future conduct of the war, and Soviet relations.

These persons argue that Goering has decided to hold himself aloof until he sees his way more clearly.

**Quarrel With Hitler?**  
 Rival theorists declare that Goering has already quarrelled with Hitler and is temporarily in disgrace, and is accordingly remaining behind the scenes until the trouble has blown over.

Whatever the reason for the Field Marshal's failure to participate in the war time Christmas, it is considered very strange in Germany.

## DANISH STEAMER SUNK BY MINE

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Danish steamer, Hanne, 1080 tons, was sunk by a mine off the north-east coast to-day.

## Amazing Russian Reverses In Arctic Continue FINNISH INVASION OF U.S.S.R. MEETS SUCCESS

HELSINGFORS, DEC. 28 (REUTER).—WHILE FIGHTING CONTINUES ON RUSSIAN SOIL EAST OF LIEKSA, THE FINNS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE PUSHED THE RED ARMY ACROSS THE FRONTIER AT A NEW POINT SOME MILES NORTHWARD.

Fighting is continuing in the border region of Kivivaara. Reports received here suggest that the Soviet Command is preparing a determined attempt to retrieve the situation near Suomussalmi, where the invaders recently suffered a severe reverse.

The Russians are attacking to the north of Suomussalmi with the evident object of making another attempt to break through the "wasp waist" to Oulu at the head of the Gulf of Finland.

Soviet troops dispersed at Suomussalmi have been re-concentrated against the Finnish centre for a new drive.

### Railway Threatened

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Two detachments of Finnish ski troops are now in Soviet Russia and are heading for the Murmansk-Leningrad Railway with the object of cutting it.

In view of their small numbers, they are avoiding heavy engagements. They have headed for Kondalaksna, which is situated at the spot where the railway skirts the White Sea at its northern end.

If they can cut the railway and hang on in that area, the Soviets will be unable to get reinforcements and supplies through to the Petsamo front.

On the Petsamo front, the Russians have completely lost the initiative and are practically in a state of siege.

### Tanks Form Fortress

A Finnish officer who has just returned from that area reports that at least 150 Soviet tanks are snow-bound and in many cases the Finns have found their crews frozen to death inside.

The crews of others are either surrounded or have fled.

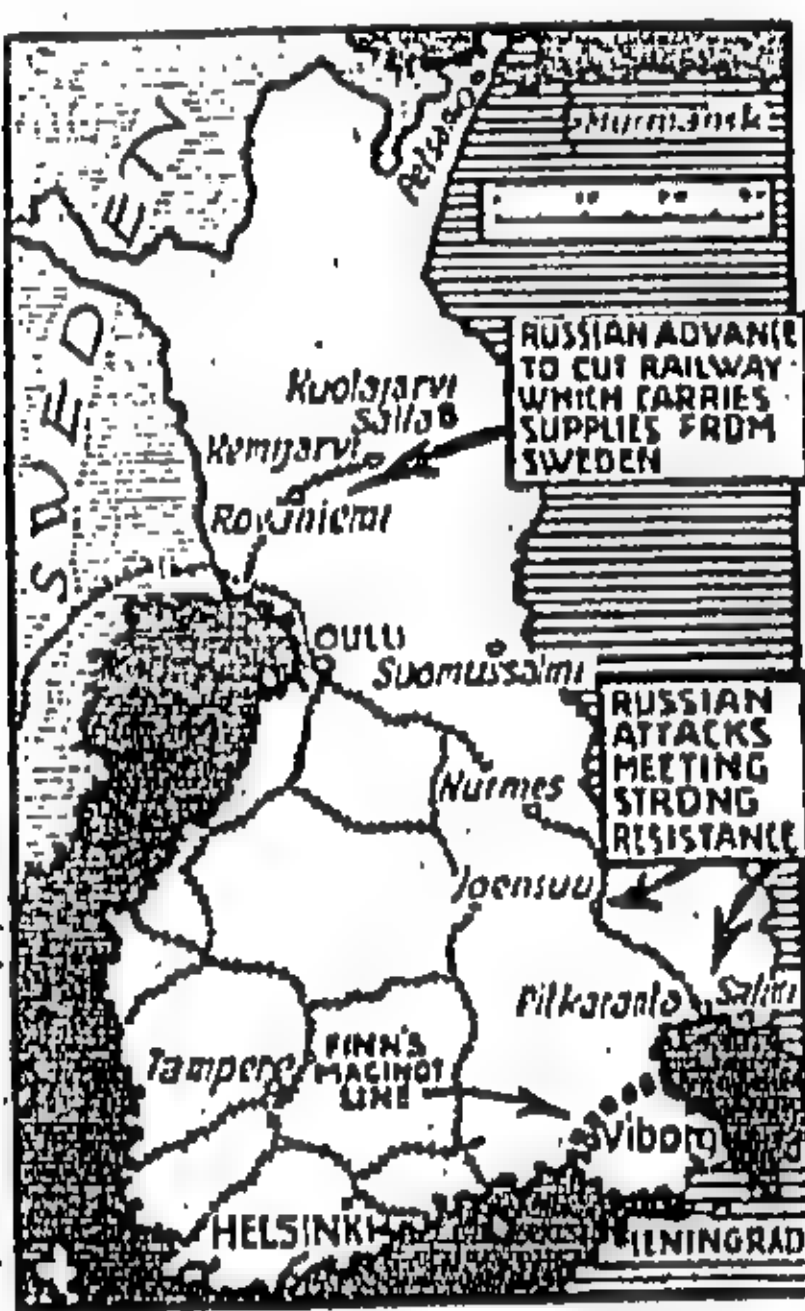
In other cases, Soviet tank detachments have placed their tanks in a circle, forming a small but effective fortress. They are difficult to attack but at the same time they are isolated and useless to the main drive.

On the central front, the Soviets have lost large quantities of men and materials in their retreat, while the last reports from the southern front stated that the Soviet attack on the Mannerheim Line and in the south-east have been repulsed.

Snow fell in Helsingfors to-day and as the storm seems to be general, little air activity is likely.

### Fighting On Ice

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 28 (UP).—It has been officially stated that the Finnish troops wiped out two Russian companies in fierce hand-to-hand fighting on the ice on Lake



Suanto in the Karelian Isthmus area on Wednesday.

Fighting also continues in Russian territory east of Lieksa on the east central Russo-Finnish frontier and in the Arl sector.

The official announcement said the Russians for the first time succeeded in crossing the mile-wide Lake Suanto, but strong Finnish counterattacks drove them back.

The Russians were also driven back on the frontier north of Lieksa and again at four points between Huhtalahti and Summa and at two points between Summa and Muolajarvi.

Russian planes strafed civilians in Wednesday's air raids over the southern sectors.

It has also been officially confirmed that nine Russian planes were shot down during Wednesday's raids. Latest reports indicate that there was fighting yesterday and Wednesday north of Suomussalmi around Lake Tianselarvi.

**Railway Cut**  
 SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—It is officially announced that the Finns are now fighting in three sectors on Russian soil—east of Lieksa, in the Arl sector and northeast of Lieksa.

Despatches from Stockholm and Copenhagen report that Finnish patrols raided and damaged the Murmansk railway.

The reports do not specify at what points the "line" has been damaged. The "Aftenbladet's" Helsingfors correspondent reports that there is widespread hunger among the Russians in the north as a result of the interruption of supplies.

The "Berlingske Tidende's" correspondent states that groups of Russians on the Salla front near the Arctic Circle have been cut off by Finnish troops and have been forced to surrender.

In the far north, he also reports,

## U.S. Sailor Is Fined For Assault

Hugh Deiman Kessler, 21, third-class cabin serving in the U.S.S. Mindanna, was fined \$10 by Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday for assaulting a Chinese constable.

Mr. Kessler was charged with assaulting a Chinese constable, Mr. John Muffo, of Malaya Motors, in Gloucester Road to-day.

Acting Sub-Inspector R. J. Clarke said that at 1 o'clock this morning, Mr. Muffo opened the door of his shop and saw Kessler passing by with a girl. He alleged that Kessler passed some remarks, came up to him and struck him in the face with his fist. Kessler ran away and was arrested by a Chinese constable.

Kessler, however, continued Sub-Inspector Clarke, denied he was with a girl, but said he thought complainant had passed some insulting remarks to him.

Defendant was on bail of \$25.

## INDIAN TROOPS IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Indian troops, led by British and Indian officers, have arrived in France with a large number of mules. The men are all Moslems from all parts of India and are accompanied by a smaller "army" of non-combatants—religious teachers, cooks and water carriers. They have brought their own food with them and in addition will be given certain food supplies given to the B.E.F.—tea, sugar and fresh vegetables.

## DUBLIN TENSION

Search For I.R.A. Saboteurs

DUBLIN, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—An armed military cordon still rings the city to-night as Police and troops continued the search for the ammunition stolen from Phoenix Park on Saturday.

Twenty arrests have already been made.

The search goes on only in the capital, but in the woods and lanes of the counties of Kildare and Wicklow, fields and hedges of estates are thoroughly combed.

**City Completely Cordoned**  
 In Dublin, military patrols continued to search all cars entering and leaving the city, which is so completely cordoned that it is impossible to enter or leave without passing through at least one patrol.

All pedestrians carrying cases are stopped and searched and in the country districts the quest is even more thorough, for everyone, whether walking or cycling, has to submit to an examination and explain where

## HIGH COST OF TROOPS

Belgium Finds It A Severe Burden

BRUSSELS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The expense of keeping troops mobilised was stressed by the Premier, M. Pierlot, speaking in the Senate to-day when he declared that the Government could not accept any amendments to the financial proposals already adopted by the Chamber which would have the effect of reducing revenue from the new taxes contained in them.

**Fears Belgium May Lose Out**  
 "I am very much afraid that the result of the internee struggle between her neighbours and Belgium is the losing of her capital even if she is not called upon to give her blood. There are some people who show indifference when they are faced with danger or who appear to ignore it completely."

"Keeping troops continually in a state of mobilisation is an expensive matter and the cost ought to be met by an internal loan, for money borrowed abroad would be too dear, especially in view of the present conditions."

"The sacrifices which every Belgian is called upon to make are enormous, but surely is want our country comrades of them."

They have come from and where they are going.

**Government Reward Offer**  
 DUBLIN, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Government is offering a reward of £1,000 for information leading to the recovery of the stolen ammunition.

Substantial rewards will be paid in respect of any portion of the ammunition. The number of arrest is now estimated at 30.

**Ammunition Recovered**  
 DUBLIN, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—At least three tons of ammunition stolen by I.R.A. raiders at Phoenix Park are now recovered.

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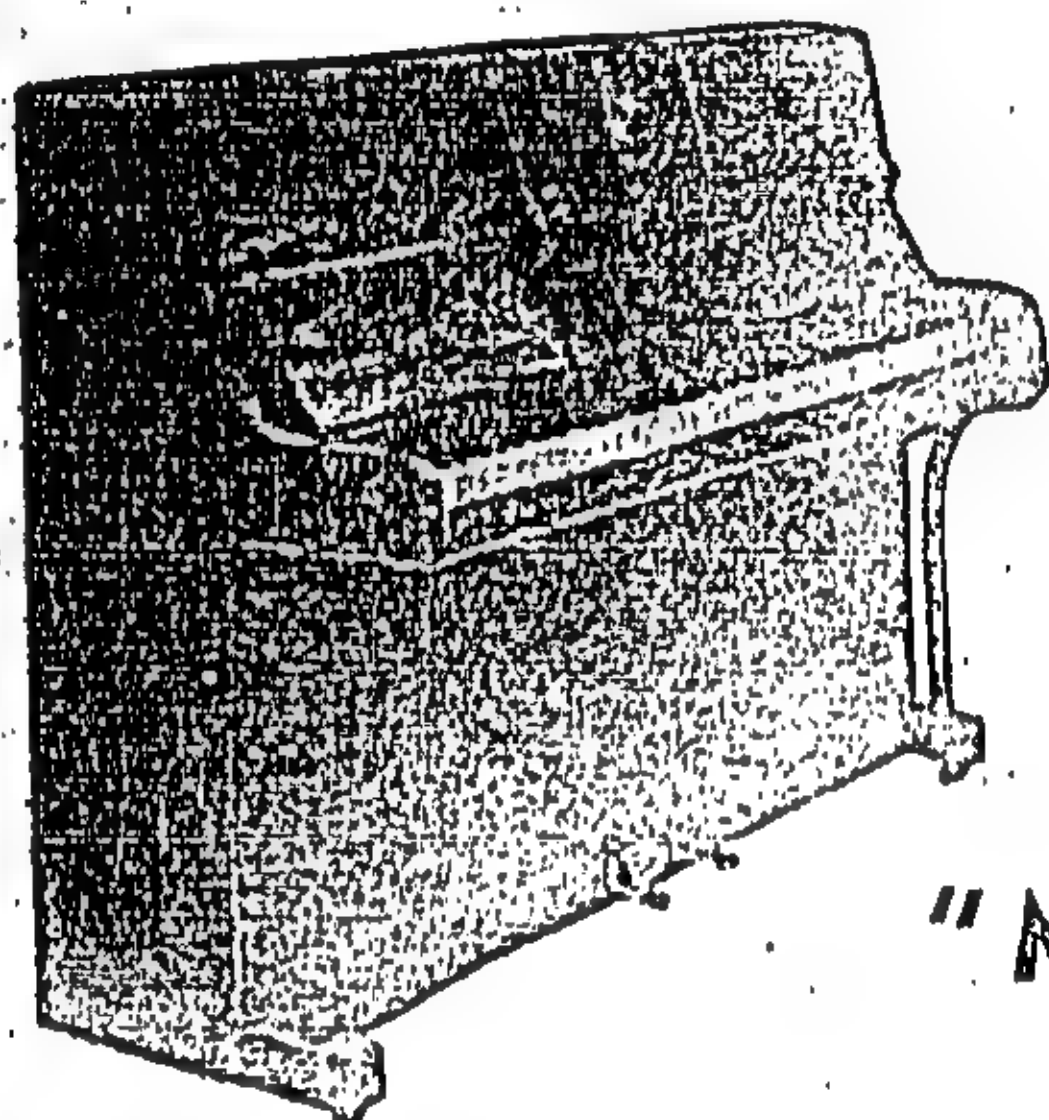
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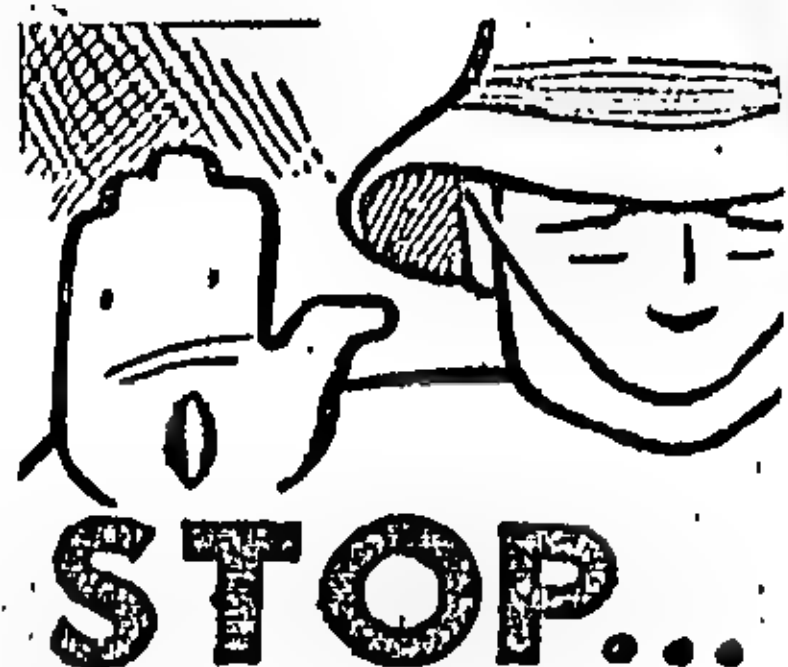
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## The Military Moustache

It seems that, as a result of their being called up for service in the army, the youth of Britain are showing an increased tendency to cultivate the moustache. Not one of a very luxuriant variety; for, although the military authorities are not inclined to split hairs at this point, anything in the nature of a "walrus" or a "sea-lion" might be frowned on. It is the dapper "tooth-brush" that is the heir-apparent of those mighty beards that once waved at Balaclava and Lucknow—in the days before the gas-mask had come and left the unshaven chin bristling with difficulties.

Perhaps there is some significance to be seen in this evolution of the military countenance. For the fierce aspect of the "old moustache," and the rude, uncouth appearance bestowed by a shaggy mane, were once held, no doubt, to be symbols of the soldier's nature; but it is plain that little of this earlier concept of him lingers, if one may judge from the lip-service it receives.

## Eros—Evacuee

One of London's most famous figures recently appeared on the list of "evacuees," when the statue of Eros was removed from Piccadilly Circus. It was a very high compliment; for although His Majesty's Office of Works has sent James II into exile, taken away from the House of Commons a bust of Cromwell, and erected a scaffold for Charles I in Whitehall, this time to protect him, it has left the rest of London's statues to stand their ground unsheltered.

The average Londoner takes little exception to this since he has always had a feeling that "they'd none of them be missed." But this does not apply to Eros. Eros made a pleasant contrast to those eminent gentlemen who "sleep in dull, cold marble" all over London's squares, but who, wrapped in their frock coats, or frogged tunics, are, in the Londoner's view, so far from being sleeping beauties.

The city evidently recognised the fact: it would much rather have seen the captains and the kings depart, not to mention the politicians, and it paid Eros a tribute that it seldom pays to them—it looked at him. He conquered not only its attention, but its affection; and although when peace returns, the Stuarts may enjoy another Restoration, they will hardly receive such an ovation as will conquering Eros.

## BLOCKADE NEWS REEL

A GLANCE at the map will show you why Napoleon, more than a century ago, cursed the geographical situation of Great Britain, why Hitler curses that same inescapable fact to-day.

The heavy lines show the sea routes by which in peace-time industrialised, urbanised Germany receives her main imports of iron ore, wool, oil, cotton, wheat, coffee, fruit, butter, coal, timber, copper and tin from the U.S.A., Argentine, Brazil, India, China and Japan.

To reach Germany all the North and South Atlantic sea routes must converge into two main traffic lines, both dominated by the British Navy. The northern routes must pass somewhere between the 250-mile span between Northern Scotland and Southern Norway, the southern routes must pass up the English Channel, through the 20-mile Straits of Dover. Those 270 miles control 85 per cent. of Germany's overseas trade routes; and those 270 miles are controlled by Britain.

Further South, the great Mediterranean trade routes can also be controlled by the Allied navies from several bases. At Suez, Malta and Gibraltar vessels can be inspected for contraband.

## HOW BLOCKADE WORKS

During the last war the blockade of Germany was maintained by the 10th Cruiser Squadron. At its maximum strength this included 20 armed merchant cruisers, comprising ships of the Allan, White Star, Orient, Anchor, P. & O., Union Castle, Royal Mail, Furness Withy, Elders & Fyfes and other lines.

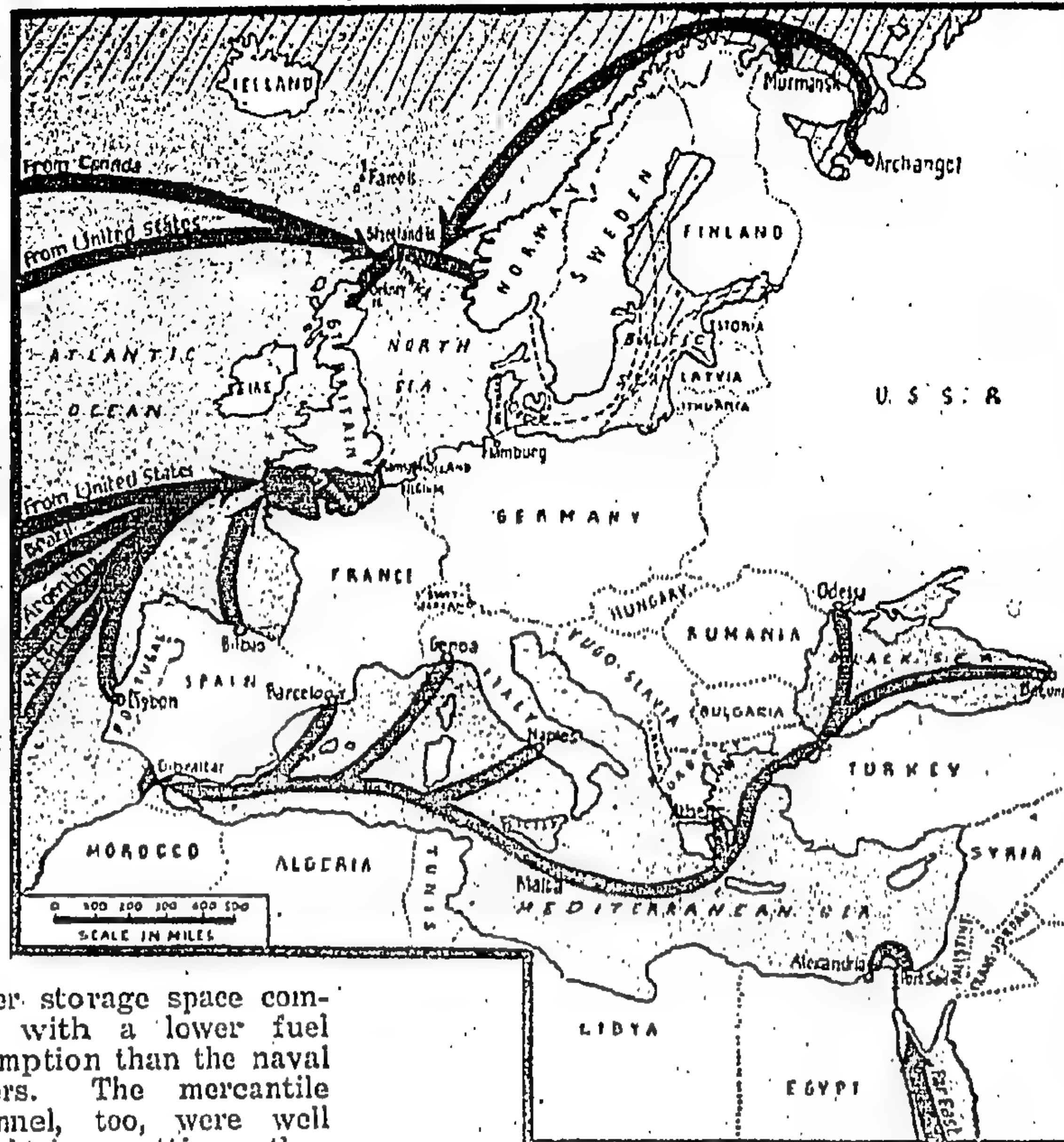
These were commanded by naval officers, but otherwise the personnel was mainly R.N.R. (ex-mercantile). Experience during the first few months of the blockade proved these to be much better suited for such work than the old naval cruisers employed at the beginning. This procedure not only released naval men for strictly naval duties, but the merchant cruisers had

greater storage space combined with a lower fuel consumption than the naval cruisers. The mercantile personnel, too, were well trained in spotting other merchant vessels, and any odd features about those vessels.

These merchant cruisers were armed with 6in. and 3in. guns, and their fuelling capacity enabled them to stay at sea for periods varying up to 30 days. Vessels were divided into patrols which covered the whole area from Iceland to the Hebrides, and as ice prevents ships from passing north of Iceland for several months of the year it was only necessary to keep that section patrolled during the summer months. In the map above, the scored area represents the extent of the ice during the winter months.

As a general rule ships were about 30 miles apart, since visibility for the lookout in the crow's nest was usually about 15 miles. Zig-zag courses were always steered to guard against submarine attack, and the general rate of steaming was 15 knots. In the centre of the line what was known as an "in and out patrol" was maintained.

Ships would steam in line abreast (i.e. on parallel courses) along the tracks of



shipping for 30 or 40 miles in one direction, and then for a similar distance in the reverse direction. During the hours of darkness all ships would steam to the eastward, and during daylight to the westward, thus preventing vessels shipping through the cordon at night.

Ships nearer the extremity of the line would maintain what was known as a cross patrol, steaming backwards and forwards in line ahead, across the track of shipping; for a similar distance to the "in and out" patrols.

## FIGURES OF SUCCESS

Throughout the period this patrol was in operation, only 4 per cent. of the merchant ships crossing the Atlantic managed to avoid the blockade. During the heaviest week recorded 156 ships were boarded and 58 sent into port for examination. Two armed raiders succeeded in getting through disguised as neutral merchantmen, but two were detected and sunk.

From May 1, 1918, the blockade was maintained by a huge minefield laid between Norway and the Ork-

neys. Immediately behind it, and in the Fair Island channel, hundreds of destroyers, patrol vessels, trawlers and other small craft, fitted with anti-submarine devices, were constantly on patrol.

## CONTRABAND CONTROL

In the English Channel the blockade was a comparatively simple procedure. To-day, control stations are established at Weymouth, Ramsgate and Lerwick (in the Shetland Islands). To these control stations all vessels suspected of carrying contraband to German ports are conducted for examination.

Prize Courts in the last war were sitting from September, 1914, and did not conclude their work until long after the signature of peace. Up to March 31, 1920, the amount which had passed through the Registry of the Court was £21,254,412; and up to March 31, 1938, £6,770,927 was paid out to the Naval Prize Fund for distribution among the personnel of the Royal Navy and those who were attached to it during the Great War.

## The Allies Were Aryans Once

ONE of these days some one will ask Herren Goebbels and Streicher who introduced the Aryan theory into Germany. Then there will be a rumpus.

The Aryan theory is the most remarkable—and, as it has turned out, dangerous—accident, for which we are not entirely blameless. The French invented it; we made it popular, and introduced it to Germany; and there it was firmly planted in patriotic minds by a Jewish philosopher.

That is awkward for the National Socialists, but quite, quite true.

It all began like this. Not so long ago we Europeans knew nothing about the languages of India, and when Sir William Jones, a celebrated philologist, went to that country on Government business he took the trouble to learn Sanskrit, which gave him the clue to the origin of a big group of European languages—English, German,

Icelandic and a host of others among them.

These languages are now called Indo-European or Indo-Germanic; but Sir William translated the Sanskrit term quite innocently by the word Arya, and then the trouble began.

A number of ethnologists and self-styled anthropologists got hold of these Sanskrit researches and jumped to the conclusion that if people speak similar languages you can say they belong to one race.

In 1855 Count Joseph de Gobineau, an enthusiastic and eccentric Frenchman, wrote a book called "Essay on the Inequality of the Human Races," which, as the title suggests, tried to prove that one so-called race—the Aryan race—was the greatest in the world.

The book caused much discussion in France and England. It was very nice for every one to think that he belonged to the chosen race. The Prussian Min-

ster in Britain, Baron Bunsen, took up the theory with enthusiasm and passed it on to his pupil, Max Muller, for many years a professor at Oxford. In France the Aryan race was eventually identified by de Lapouge with the Nordic group (originating near the Baltic).

Max Muller, plugging the Aryan theory for forty years, and then at length realised that he had been barking up the wrong tree. Just fifty years ago he wrote: "I have declared again and again that if I say Aryans, I mean neither blood nor bones, nor hair, nor skull; I mean simply those who speak an Aryan language."

And Yiddish has a good claim to be considered an Aryan language. That was why Moses Mendelssohn, Jewish-German philosopher, took up the Aryan theory and introduced it to German scholars.

By the time the German Uni-

versities got hold of the matter, taken theory the English had got over it and the French were laughing at de Gobineau and de Lapouge. Unfortunately, the German nationalist movement absorbed it with a vengeance.

Gustav Kossinna, Prussian nationalist, appointed himself Aryan historian of the German people and tried to prove that "history was pre-eminently a German national science," though no one could imagine why history should be a national science, save Kossinna's followers.

But due to the national science appeared on the title-page of the second edition of his book. It was dated: "On the day of general mobilisation, 1914."

And on the same day a group of young Prussians formed a corps with a new standard, the



# Lanchow, Capital Of Kansu, Now In Flames MASS RAIDS REDUCE CHINESE CITY TO PILE OF RUINS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

## MUSSOLINI TO VISIT POPE AT VATICAN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 28 (UP).—Signor Mussolini is to visit His Holiness the Pope at the Vatican on January 4. This announcement was made to-day following a 35-minute private conversation between the Pope and King Victor Emmanuel in the Quirinal.

It is understood that the Pope expressed a desire to receive Il Duce.

First reactions in both Italian political circles and Vatican quarters is that Mussolini's visit would be connected with the Holy See's interest in peace.

It is generally understood that the Holy See and the Italian Government are following a parallel course.

## Garcia Is Keen To Fight In Hongkong

Cesario Garcia, middleweight boxing champion of the world, who recently defeated Glen Lee in a title bout in Manila, would be very glad to fight in Hongkong if a bout could be arranged.

He said this morning when he arrived in Hongkong on route back to the United States.

Commenting on his fight last week, Garcia merely said: "I was a very good fight, and I am glad I won."

Garcia was accompanied by his wife, five-month old son, and Trainer, John Villard.

To Fight Armstrong

The champion added that he was returning to the United States to defend his title against Henry Armstrong at Los Angeles on February 22.

"I am feeling in excellent form and I certainly hope I shall win," he declared.

He revealed that Jack Dempsey, who referred his title fight in Manila had already returned to America by Clipper, and would, therefore, not be coming to Hongkong, as at one time hoped.

Asked as to what were his intentions regarding his young son, Garcia said that he would like him to be able to fight, but these days one had to leave it to the boy to decide what places he intended to go.

"However, I intend to give him an education, and I am trying to earn enough for him now. As far as I am concerned, I hope to quit the ring as soon as I have achieved this object."

Glen Lee Aboard

Also aboard the same ship which arrived here this morning was Glen Lee, Garcia's challenger in Manila. He was accompanied by his trainer, a third interesting American sports personality aboard was Frank Korvack, national ranking tennis player, who is returning to the United States following an exhibition tour of the Orient.

## 10,000,000 Will Die In China This Winter

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, 28 (UP).—The New York press to-day gave wide play to the arrival of 24-year-old Miss Joy Homer, a representative of the Church Committee for China Relief.

Miss Homer has completed a year's travel in 15 of China's 19 provinces. In her press interview she warned that at least 10,000,000 people will perish from starvation and cold in North China this winter unless emergency relief funds are forthcoming.

She paid great tribute to the Chinese leaders and the recuperative ability of the Chinese people.

## AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL TO BE PLAYED HERE TO-DAY

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE football is to be introduced to Hongkong this afternoon for the first time in the Colony's history.

Opportunity for a demonstration of this spectacular type of football has been provided by the visit here of an auxiliary cruiser which has aboard some 300 members of the Royal Australian Naval Reserve.

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Dec. 28 (Domol).—Returning the Royal visit to the Vatican Palace on December 21, His Holiness the Pope this morning called on King Victor Emmanuel and the Queen at the Quirinal.

Such an event has not occurred since the Fascist Party came to power. Political circles say that it signifies closer co-operation between the Holy See and the Italian Government in connection with the current international situation, and especially in dealing with the question of peace in Europe.

## Americans & Tientsin Restrictions Ask Japanese For Their Removal

TIENSIN, Dec. 28 (Reuter).

A request for the removal of the barrier restrictions in Tientsin was made to-day by representatives of the American Chamber of Commerce, who called on Lieut.-General Homma, commander of the Japanese garrison.

Their visit was made in connection with the difficulties experienced by American business circles in Tientsin owing to the Japanese blockade.

Alternative Request

They presented a memorandum asking that the barriers be removed in their interest of general trade, or if this should prove to be impossible, that special instructions be given to the barriers to permit American citizens and their families to go through without having to pass the examination booths.

Lieut.-General Homma, whose attitude was very cordial, said the removal of the barriers depended upon instructions from Tokyo, but the second request would receive his serious consideration.

In conclusion, Lieut.-General Homma reminded the representatives that war was still in progress and he counselled them to have patience.

## Chinese To Make Films In Hollywood

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 28 (UP).—Moon Kwan, China's leading movie producer and director, accompanied by his actress wife, Yee-mann, have arrived here to produce two films.

The films will be distributed in the United States and China, and Tao Yee-mann will star in both.

It takes three years and four million dollars to produce an epic film in Hollywood. In China we do it in five days at a cost of \$2,500," Mr. Kwan asserted.

CHUNGKING, DEC. 29 (UP).—LANCHOW, CAPITAL OF KANSU, IS NOW IN FLAMES AS A RESULT OF THE TERRIFIC AIR RAIDS WHICH HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED ON THE CITY BY JAPANESE PLANES SINCE TUESDAY.

No less than 297 planes took part in raids on three consecutive days. On Tuesday, 101 Japanese machines dropped incendiary bombs.

On Wednesday, another 98 planes soared over the blazing city and dropped more bombs, while a further 98 carried out a raid on Thursday.

The worst destruction was caused in yesterday's raid, although no foreign casualties or damage to foreign property is reported.

Yesterday demolition bombs were dropped and most of the hits were scored on houses in the middle of the city.

On Tuesday, three of the invaders were shot down, and another four were brought down on Wednesday.

### Casualties Low

Civilian casualties are low, about 100 being killed in the three raids. At least three Japanese pursuit planes engaged the attackers.

Chinese authorities at Lanchow are carrying out their programme of evacuating the civilians. However, it is stated that the foreign residents will remain.

### Japanese Bombers Shot Down

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—At least three Japanese bombers were shot down in aerial battles on Tuesday when 98 planes in three groups raided Lanchow, capital of the Kansu province, according to Chinese reports.

As the Japanese aircraft appeared over Lanchow, it is stated, Chinese pursuit planes engaged them.

### War Front News

Fighting around Sinyang, an important town on the Peiping-Hankow Railway in South Honan, is reaching a decisive stage, according to a "Central News" message from Nanyang this morning. Two more strategic points, it is stated, have been regained by the Chinese forces in that area.

The Japanese beleaguered at Yuhou, north-west of Sinyang, have succeeded in breaking through the Chinese cordon and have fled in the direction of Yangliuho.

In pursuit of the Japanese retreating from Licheng and Tunyankwan in south-east Shansi, a Chinese force penetrated into Shensien, the northern tip of Honan, and recaptured it on Christmas Day.

In South Shansi, the Chinese are reported to be attacking Yehent. Points to the east of the town have been recovered.

In Kiangsi some 300 Japanese were killed and five Japanese lorries were destroyed in a chance encounter with Chinese forces at Tingshan, south-east of Tungan, on December 26.

After defeating the Japanese, these Chinese forces pushed toward Chienchowki, reaching there on the morning of December 27.

### Warship Sunk, Report

On the Yangtze River, Chinese sources claim, another Japanese warship has been sunk. This ship was anchored near Chinkow, north-west of Kweichow, on the south bank of the river, when Chinese shore batteries opened fire on her yesterday morning.

It is stated that more than 20 shells hit the vessel setting it afire. In South, Chinese troops made another re-entry into Kiangmoon on the morning of December 25 after a night-long engagement in the outskirts. Japanese military establishments were set on fire. The Chinese forces withdrew after several hours of street fighting.

From Yungyung comes a report that the Japanese who were driven across the Pakong River have suffered further casualties on the south bank. They have fled toward Fohsien.

Fighting at Mulkong and Leung-howhu, about 25 miles east of Pakong, is also stated to be in favour of the Chinese. The invaders were surrounded and heavily attacked at a point six miles south of Mulkong yesterday and the day before.

There are four goal posts at each end of the ground. Six points are scored for a goal (kicked through the two inner posts) and one point for a behind (kicked through the outer posts).

The art of kicking has been developed to such an extent in Australia that a goal can normally be scored from 60 yards. One Melbourne player is credited with having scored a goal from a distance of 100 yards, using the drop-kick.

The side is the prevailing winter game in Australia and New Zealand. It is played with a football, and each team has 18 players.

## France Facing Increased Taxation Big Civil Budget Is Approved

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—France's first civil budget since the war was passed by the Senate.

It totalled 79,000,000,000 francs, exceeding last year's budget by 16,000,000,000 francs.

M. Paul Reynaud, the Minister of Finance, spoke about France's budgetary policy for the duration of the war. Civil expenditure will be met by taxation. The increased military expenditure must be met by loans.

The Franco-British financial agreement, he said, had made it much easier to get foreign exchange required for war purposes.

He also stressed that aid was now being given to Finland, while the Polish Army was being maintained.

Unanimous Support

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Dec. 28 (UP).—The Senate by a vote of 303 to 0, passed the civil budget bill providing for an expenditure of 79,247,000,000 francs.

Several Senate amendments require the budget to be returned to the Chamber of Deputies, which must make the final vote prior to midnight on Sunday.

## Car Owners In Court

Fines of \$5 each were imposed on Mr. Tullin and C. N. Dunn, by Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, when they were summoned for leaving their cars in the Pedder Street car-park beyond the limit of two hours on November 29 and 30 respectively.

A summons against Mrs. G. Chaun, of Babington Path, for failing to produce her driving licence to a police officer on November 25 was dismissed.

Mr. C. Y. Kwan appeared for Mrs. Chaun and submitted that she did not intentionally refuse to show her constable her licence. It was possible that there was some misunderstanding between them. Had Mrs. Chaun understood the constable to have asked her to take her licence to the Traffic Office the next day, she would have done so, but Mrs. Chaun said she never heard the constable make such a request.

## BAD MEMORY COSTS \$6 Thief's Fatal Error

Because he had a bad memory, Li Chuen, 29, unemployed, was fined \$6 or liable to three months' imprisonment by Mr. Macfarlane at Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Li stole two mats and five grass brooms from Chan Kwan-ying, mistress of a shop at No. 191 Reclamation Street, at 2 a.m. yesterday. He was seen and chased, but managed to get away.

He went back to the shop at 1 p.m. the same day and attempted to sell the two mats to the occupants. The mats were recognised as part of the stolen property, and Li was detained until the arrival of the police. The brooms were later recovered.

## Has To Reimburse Hawker

A hawker received 50 cents from his prosecuting officer, an Indian constable, instead of paying a fine, when he appeared before Mr. Houston at Central Magistracy this morning, charged with hawking.

After Mr. Houston had questioned the hawker, he ordered the constable to give him 50 cents because he had wasted the man's time.

## U.S. TO HAVE 52 NEW AIR SQUADRONS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28, (Domol).—Fifty-two additional air squadrons are to be created in order to strengthen the Pacific and Caribbean Sea defences, according to an announcement by the Department of War.

Most of the new squadrons will be divided into twelve different groups.

A group of bombers will be assigned to Hawaii, a group of fighting planes to the Panama Canal Zone, and a mixed group of bombers and fighting planes to Alaska.

Four squadrons of bombers and four of fighters will be assigned for the defence of Puerto Rico.

## Would Like Improved Relations Envoy On France And Japan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Dec. 28 (UP).—The newly appointed Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Renzo Sawada, to-day presented his credentials to President Lebrun at the Elysee.

"It is my most ardent desire to develop the traditional friendly relations between Japan and France," Mr. Sawada said. "Admittedly this is a big task under the present historic circumstances in Europe and Asia, but I am hopeful that a mutual understanding will lead to a happy solution."

President Lebrun replied: "I assure you that the French Government, which always has had relations with Japan with the most sincere understanding, is ready to collaborate in your tasks with the most friendly and most confident spirit."

"The present situation imposes on all people who are proud of their culture and honour the duty of uniting in their efforts to preserve the moral values of true civilisation against all attacks from wherever they may come. I will aid you in fulfilling your tasks."

Hope Expressed For Improvement

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—A desire to develop existing friendly Franco-Japanese relations was expressed by the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Renzo Sawada, while presenting his credentials to M. Lebrun, the French President.

A leader in "Le Temps" notes with satisfaction the "improvement" in Japan's relations with the Western Powers, and says that the talks with the United States, Britain and France in Tokyo are certainly being developed in an atmosphere of real cordiality in contrast to the reception of Berlin's unsparring advice to Tokyo.

Ribbentrop's Small Hopes

"It does not seem that, come what may, Herr Ribbentrop has any chance of achieving a diplomatic success in Tokyo to compensate for the rebuffs he suffered elsewhere."

Referring to Russo-Japanese relations and the suggestion that Russia might cease supporting Chiang Kai-shek, "Le Temps" adds that nothing at present suggests that this idea has made much headway.

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C2712—One Night of Love Memories. Cirlbrin. Habanera. (Carmen). One Fine Day (Dutifully) Sempra Libera (Traviata). Soprano with Orch.

C2716—Ballad Memories. Sweet and Low. Come Sing to Me. Three Fishers Dear Little Shamrock. God Send You Back. Saily in Our Alley. New Mayfair Orch. (Vocal).  
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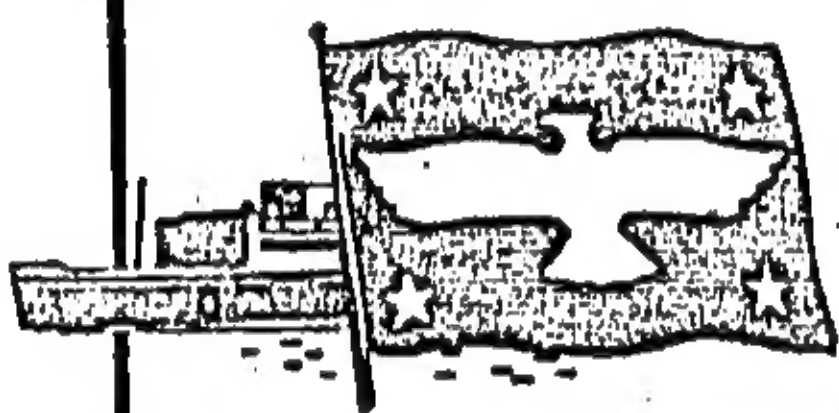
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7.00 London Relay—"Dai on Leave."  
A Jack Jones Welsh Programme—  
The Spirit of Christmas. Carols by  
the Welsh Singers.

7.30 London Relay—The News.  
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather  
Report and Announcements.

8.03 Dance Music.

8.20 Studio—Comments on Recent  
Events.

8.30 London Relay—"Laugh before  
Lunch." A Variety Programme.

9.15 London Relay—News Sum-  
mary.

9.30 London Relay—"World Af-  
fairs."

9.45 A Variety and Dance Pro-  
gramme.

Vocal—The Song Of The Kettle  
(Anthony); Cherry Souls (Burke).  
Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with  
Piano; Fox-Trot—Song Without  
Words; Thank You, Mister Bach...  
The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra; Come-  
dienne—Florrie Forde Old Time Med-  
ley... Florrie Forde with Chorus  
and Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Thankful;  
Swing That Music... Louis Arm-  
strong and His Orchestra; Vocal—So  
Green (film That's a good girl); Col  
La! La! (film That's a good girl);  
Jack Buchanan with Orchestra;  
Blues—Bye-bye Blues; One-Step—  
California... Phil Green and His  
Orchestra; Comedian—Im The Only  
Bit Of Comfort That She's Got...  
Max Miller with Orchestra; Fox-  
Trot—Take My Heart... Dick Mc-  
Donough and His Orchestra; Come-  
dienne—She Said She Wouldn't (Mil-  
ler)... Max Miller with Orchestra;  
Fox-Trot—Let It Be Me (film "Broad-  
way Hostess")... Jay Wilbur and  
His Band; Descriptive Sketch—The  
Derby; Part I—On the Road; Part 2  
—On the Course... with The Sing-  
ing Pearly Kings; Fox-Trot—Great-  
East In Hades (film "Transatlantic  
Rhythm"); I Heard A Song In A Taxi  
(film "Transatlantic Rhythm")...  
Harry Roy and His Orchestra; Humo-  
rous Monologue—Jonah and the  
Grapes (Edgar)... Stanley Holve-  
way with Piano; Fox-Trot—Your  
Feet's Too Big... Nat Gonella and  
His Georgians.

11.00 Close Down.

# White Hall Evacuation

15,000 Civil Servants  
Leave London

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).

The evacuation of civil ser-  
vants from London will continue.

It is announced that the Govern-  
ment has reconsidered the matter  
and it now reaffirms its decision that  
all Government departments which  
can function away from London must  
leave.

One estimate says that 15,000 civil  
servants have already gone, 5,000  
more are expected to go shortly and  
10,000 are still in London.

Those who still remain are ex-  
pected to protest at any extension of  
the evacuation scheme.

# PICKPOCKET DID HIS BEST

But Victim Was Too  
Quick For Him

The tricks of a pick-pocket's trade  
were experienced by Mr. T. Bolt of  
the P.W.D., in Pedder Street yester-  
day, when Lo Sun, aged 24 and un-  
employed, attempted to steal a pen  
from him.

When Lo was charged before Mr.  
Houston at the Central Magistracy  
this morning, Mr. Bolt said: "I felt a  
bump on my right shoulder and I  
naturally turned my head. The next  
moment a hand was over my left  
shoulder and was grasping my pen."

Complainant then described how he  
turned to the left and saw Lo stand-  
ing very close to him, holding a piece  
of newspaper which was covering his  
breast pocket. A fountain pen was  
clipped to the pocket.

Mr. Bolt caught hold of the man  
but he managed to break away and  
ran into Des Voeux Road Central,  
where he was caught by a passerby.

The defendant pleaded that he ac-  
cidentally bumped into Mr. Bolt, who  
gave him a slap, and he (Lo) then  
walked away.

The man was sentenced to three  
months' hard labour.

# TO DISCUSS WAR

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The  
South Rhodesian Minister of Justice  
and Defence is to visit London short-  
ly by air for discussions on the war.

The main subject of his discussions  
will be war finance, but it is expected  
that expansion of air training in  
Rhodesia, supply of Rhodesian pro-  
ducts and the further use of  
Rhodesian fruits will also be on the  
agenda.

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# Freighter Aground Off New York

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP).—The  
British freighter, City of Singapore  
sent a radio message at 10.20 a.m.  
to-day saying she was aground east  
of the Ambrose lightship, about one  
mile inside the entrance to New York  
harbour.

Vessel Refloated  
The City of Singapore has been  
refloated, says "Reuter".  
She was apparently not seriously  
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## PLANS FOR R. A. F. VOLUNTEERS EMPLOYMENT BY END OF YEAR

By MAJOR O. C. TURNER

Causes of the "bottle neck" in the training of the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve, and of the payment of a large number of members who are waiting to be posted, were explained at the Air Ministry.

It is hoped that all men on the waiting list will be absorbed by the end of the year.

The subject was dealt with in The Daily Telegraph recently and—the facts, as then stated, are officially admitted—and a large number of letters have been received from members of the Volunteer Reserve, parents, employers and flying instructors.

I pointed out that hundreds of men had received no training in the 10 weeks since mobilisation, and indicated the difficulty of returning temporarily to civil life, an option given by the Ministry.

The outbreak of war found the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve in a somewhat unorganised condition. Some units had town headquarters but no aerodromes; others had flying facilities but no town headquarters.

"Cadet Wings" As Solution

There were no means available for absorbing the immense number of members for service training.

The formation of "cadet wings" was at once undertaken, and at the present time three of these are in existence. These are well housed.

The real "bottle neck" in training is at the advanced stage. This cannot be dealt with by the transference of material and personnel from elementary training schools, since these are not suited to advanced training.

The Air Ministry claim that the most considerable course was adopted, that of granting full pay for the waiting period. Admittedly, it is costly, but not so costly as that of taking over more buildings.

Meanwhile, a fourth cadet wing is nearly ready, and a fifth is on the way.

Yet another plan, soon to be put into execution, is that of extending the course of four weeks now undergone at the cadet wings, so that the

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 29, 1889.  
The mad King of Bavaria smokes about a hundred cigarettes daily. That accounts for his madness.

The Prince of Wales, now that he may shortly become a grandfather, and that his poor swelled head has given place to a kindly swelled leg, is becoming a perfect saint. On his last visit to Homburg, he discouraged the foot-racing of mules and matrons, and did not, as of yore, include dukes, millionaires and dukes to trundle fat women and giddy-gushers downhill in wheelbarrows. His sole pleasures just now are decorous dinners and lengthy luncheons.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 29, 1914.  
The naval and military authorities call the attention of persons using the streets to the danger of fragments of shells and bullets from the guns used against hostile aircraft attempting a raid on London. Civilians are warned to keep cover, preferably in the basements of houses, on hearing the sound of firing.

All the Far Eastern garrisons in the process of time will be filled up with Territorial troops who will release the troops for the Continental battlefields. When the Territorials have been sufficiently trained they will take their place in the fighting line and in the advance on Berlin.

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 29, 1929.  
The Woodrow Wilson Foundation have unanimously decided that the 1929 award of \$250,000 shall go to the Trustees of the League of Nations in recognition of a decade of service in the interests of World peace.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 29, 1934.  
Max Baer, who can hit hard enough to knock Primo Carnova silly, but who only needs to smile to set American fanfare hearts thumping, is going to risk his skin—and his face. To-night, he will shake his world's championship when he meets King Levinaky.

Instruction given may be more complete.

It is requested that any who experience difficulty or delay in regard to pay should write to the Air Ministry, Accountants' Branch, P.2, Admiralty House, Kingsway, W.C.2.

## REQUIRED

2 oz. of 3-ply wool, a short length of white, and a pair of No 13 knitting needles.

## TENSION

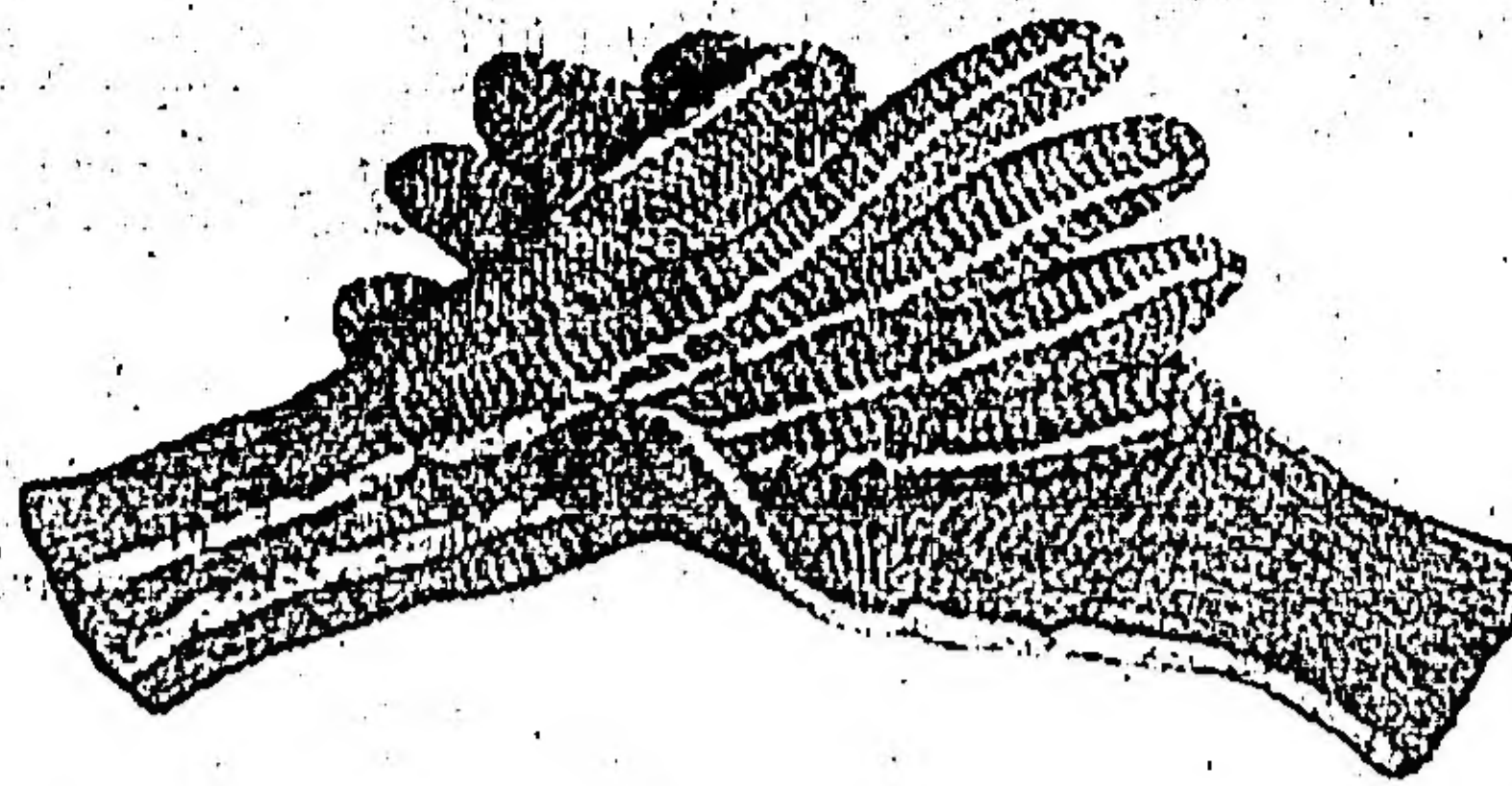
9 sts. to 1 inch width and approximately 14 rows to 1 inch in depth over the garter stitch.

## MEASUREMENT

Length from tip of centre finger to edge of cuff, 11 inches; and length of centre finger 3 inches.

## ABBREVIATIONS

K, knit; p, purl; st, stitches; inc, increase; dec, decrease; rep, repeat; tog, together; g, st, garter stitch.



Knit yourself these gloves and they'll ensure a

## Warm Handshake

If you're wanting a pair of gloves that are both gay-looking and warm you might try knitting these. The models were worked in a pale jade green with "seam" effects in white.

### Right Glove

Cast on 40 sts with main wool and work thus:

1st row: (K1, p1) 4 times, k1, then with a small ball of white, k2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, then k2, white (k1, p1) 5 times, then k2, white (k1, p1) 8 times, k1.

2nd row: Rib 17, then p2, white, rib 10, p2 white, rib 7, p2 white, rib 8.

Continue to rep. these 2 rows, working the white stripes with separate balls of wool, and always twisting the wools at back of work when changing colours, until cuff measures 3 1/2 inches from start.

Now change to g. st. (every row k.), but still work the white sts. in stocking st. as before. Work 4 rows then begin changing for thumb, thus:

5th row (a right-side row): k.

6th row: K15, p1, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

7th row: K.

8th row: K15, p1, k2, p2 white, k4, p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

9th row: K.

10th row: As 8th row.

11th row: K.

12th row: K15, p1, k1, k twice into next st., p2, white, k2, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

13th row: K.

14th row: K15, p1, k3, p2 white, k4, p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

15th row: K.

16th row: As 14th row.

17th row: K.

18th row: K15, p1, k2, k twice into next st., p2 white, k3, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

19th row: K.

20th row: K15, p1, k4, p2 white, k4, p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

21st row: K.

22nd row: As 20th.

23rd row: K.

24th row: K15, p1, k3, k twice into next st., p2 white, k4, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

25th row: K.

26th row: As 24th row.

27th row: K.

28th row: K15, p1, k2, k twice into next st., p2 white, k3, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

29th row: K.

30th row: As 28th row.

31st row: K.

32nd row: K15, p1, k4, p2 white, k4, p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

33rd row: K.

34th row: As 32nd row.

35th row: K.

36th row: K15, p1, k3, k twice into next st., p2 white, k4, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

37th row: K.

38th row: As 36th row.

39th row: K.

40th row: K15, p1, k2, k twice into next st., p2 white, k3, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

41st row: K.

42nd row: As 40th row.

43rd row: K.

44th row: K15, p1, k4, p2 white, k4, p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

45th row: K.

46th row: As 44th row.

47th row: K.

48th row: K15, p1, k3, k twice into next st., p2 white, k4, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

49th row: K.

50th row: As 48th row.

51st row: K.

52nd row: K15, p1, k2, k twice into next st., p2 white, k3, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

53rd row: K.

54th row: As 52nd row.

55th row: K.

56th row: K15, p1, k4, p2 white, k4, p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

57th row: K.

58th row: As 56th row.

59th row: K.

60th row: K15, p1, k3, k twice into next st., p2 white, k4, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

61st row: K.

62nd row: As 60th row.

63rd row: K.

64th row: K15, p1, k2, k twice into next st., p2 white, k3, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

65th row: K.

66th row: As 64th row.

67th row: K.

68th row: K15, p1, k4, p2 white, k4, p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

69th row: K.

70th row: As 68th row.

71st row: K.

72nd row: K15, p1, k3, k twice into next st., p2 white, k4, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

73rd row: K.

74th row: As 72nd row.

75th row: K.

76th row: K15, p1, k2, k twice into next st., p2 white, k3, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

77th row: K.

78th row: As 76th row.

79th row: K.

80th row: K15, p1, k4, p2 white, k4, p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

81st row: K.

82nd row: As 80th row.

83rd row: K.

84th row: K15, p1, k3, k twice into next st., p2 white, k4, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

85th row: K.

86th row: As 84th row.

87th row: K.

88th row: K15, p1, k2, k twice into next st., p2 white, k3, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

89th row: K.

90th row: As 88th row.

91st row: K.

92nd row: K15, p1, k4, p2 white, k4, p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

93rd row: K.

94th row: As 92nd row.

95th row: K.

96th row: K15, p1, k3, k twice into next st., p2 white, k4, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

97th row: K.

98th row: As 96th row.

99th row: K.

100th row: K15, p1, k2, k twice into next st., p2 white, k3, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

101st row: K.

102nd row: As 100th row.

103rd row: K.

104th row: K15, p1, k4, p2 white, k4, p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

105th row: K.

106th row: As 104th row.

107th row: K.

108th row: K15, p1, k3, k twice into next st., p2 white, k4, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

109th row: K.

110th row: As 108th row.

111th row: K.

112th row: K15, p1, k2, k twice into next st., p2 white, k3, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

113th row: K.

114th row: As 112th row.

115th row: K.

116th row: K15, p1, k4, p2 white, k4, p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

117th row: K.

118th row: As 116th row.

119th row: K.

120th row: K15, p1, k3, k twice into next st., p2 white, k4, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

121st row: K.

122nd row: As 120th row.

123rd row: K.

124th row: K15, p1, k2, k twice into next st., p2 white, k3, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

125th row: K.

126th row: As 124th row.

127th row: K.

128th row: K15, p1, k4, p2 white, k4, p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

129th row: K.

130th row: As 128th row.

131st row: K.

132nd row: K15, p1, k3, k twice into next st., p2 white, k4, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

133th row: K.

134th row: As 132nd row.

135th row: K.

136th row: K15, p1, k2, k twice into next st., p2 white, k3, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

137th row: K.

138th row: As 136th row.

139th row: K.

140th row: K15, p1, k4, p2 white, k4, p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

141st row: K.

142nd row: As 140th row.

143th row: K.

144th row: K15, p1, k3, k twice into next st., p2 white, k4, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

145th row: K.

146th row: As 144th row.

147th row: K.

148th row: K15, p1, k2, k twice into next st., p2 white, k3, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

149th row: K.

150th row: As 148th row.

151st row: K.

152nd row: K15, p1, k4, p2 white, k4, p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

153th row: K.

154th row: As 152nd row.

155th row: K.

156th row: K15, p1, k3, k twice into next st., p2 white, k4, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

157th row: K.

158th row: As 156th row.

159th row: K.

160th row: K15, p1, k2, k twice into next st., p2 white, k3, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

161st row: K.

162nd row: As 160th row.

163th row: K.

164th row: K15, p1, k4, p2 white, k4, p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

165th row: K.

166th row: As 164th row.

167th row: K.

168th row: K15, p1, k3, k twice into next st., p2 white, k4, k twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

169th row: K.

170th row: As 168th row.

171st row: K.







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## Ship Sunk In 90 Seconds Deptford Tragedy Revealed

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The full story of the sinking of the British steamer Deptford (4,000 tons) which was torpedoed in Norwegian waters on December 14, was made available to-day.

It reveals that when torpedoed, she was within half a mile of the Norwegian coast. The ship sank in 90 seconds with the loss of 32 out of 37 of the crew and also two Norwegian pilots.

Some survivors were picked up by the Norwegian motor-boat Farida, the captain of which states that he saw the submarine's conning tower break surface between the Deptford and land.

### Survivors' Stories

LONDON, Dec. 28 (British Wireless).—Evidence of definite use of neutral territorial waters for preying upon shipping in defiance of all principles of international law is contained in the testimony of survivors from the British steamer, Deptford, one of three ships torpedoed in neutral waters.

Such a case might arise in bad weather if the ship attacked was close to the outer edge of the three mile limit. In the case of the torpedoing of the Deptford, the U-boat could not possibly plead navigational mistake. Visibility was excellent and the Deptford was less than half a mile from the high coast line.

Even more damning is the statement of the Captain of the Farida, who said that he saw the conning tower of the submarine break surface and the ship was between the Deptford and the land.

The Norwegian coast in that neighbourhood is deeply indented and has an ideal place for a submarine, careless of the locality of its proceedings—to lie under water awaiting her chance, and there is little doubt that these were the tactics adopted by the U-boat concerned in the torpedoing of the Deptford.

It was only two days before that the Greek steamer, Gavoulia, had been torpedoed without warning in Norwegian territorial waters, while four days before that the British Thomas Walton had been torpedoed without warning off Narvik when well inside neutral territorial waters.

## U.S.S.R. GROWING MORE FOOD

Radio Proudly Gives Latest Figures

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Moscow radio gave prominence last night to the statement by M. Pronin, Vice-Commissioner of the Food Industry, in which he claimed that the Soviet-Union food production had considerably increased this year and that a further increase was ensured next year.

M. Pronin stated that the Soviet output of bread in 1939 exceeded that of 1938 by 1,720,000 tons; the production of vegetable oils had increased by 51,000 tons; macaroni by 72,000 tons and champagne by 2,000,000 bottles.

Numerous new bread, sugar and tinned food factories will be opened next year.

The sugar production will be increased by 39 per cent, and the output of tinned food by 17 per cent.

## Sent To Japanese Occupied Area

—Banishment's Excuse

That he had been wrongly sent just across the Hongkong border to Nantao, into Japanese occupied territory, and that he could not make his way from that town to Canton, was the excuse given by Hui Chin, 49, when he was charged before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning with returning from banishment.

Hui was expelled from the Colony for 10 years on December 17. He was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour.

## BOY SAVES SIX MEN

New Epic Of The Sea Revealed

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Six survivors of the torpedoed British ship, Arlington Court, were saved through the skill of an 18-year-old boy, it was learned in London to-day.

At Tiller For 6 Days

He and six others got into a water-tight lifeboat and he was the only one who knew how to navigate her. He kept at the boat's tiller for six days, steering her by means of a small compass until he brought them into a busy shipping lane, where they were picked up by a passing ship.

## Children Give Play

Scaforth's Party Entertain Corps O' Signals

The Corps of Signals held their annual families' Christmas treat in "A" Block, Victoria Barracks, yesterday.

The main item on the programme was a one-act play entitled "Susie Pays a Visit," given by the children of the Scaforth Highlanders. This was very well received by the audience which included the C.S.O., Col. Collins, the O.C., Major Levett and other officers of the unit.

Chief honours went to Pat and Tony Coltee who took the leading parts as Susie and John, both of whom acted with skill and talent.

The others in the cast were Bertie Haynes, Molly Haynes, Sidney Webster, Jimmy Haynes, Sally Haynes, Ian Mackay, Jean Mayne, Jimmy Hamilton.

Games, presents and refreshments in plenty gave the children a most enjoyable afternoon.

The play was produced by Sgt. C. R. Grant, of the Scaforth, assisted by L. Col. Meek. It has so far been given to parties of R.A., Stanley, R.E.s and R.A.S.C. and has been booked for R.A. (Stonecutters) on January 3.

## LATE NEWS

## Austin Road Tragedy

Police Theory Is Not Substantiated

A semi-military funeral is to be given this afternoon to the late Stephen Michael Tracey, who was found dead in his room on the second floor of 134 Austin Road, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon. Though the outcome of the post mortem is not yet known, there is reason to believe that the original police theory of suicide will not be substantiated, and that Tracey died from natural causes.

Mr. Tracey became ill on Wednesday night after dinner and was too sick yesterday to go to work. He appeared to be suffering from fever. He remained in bed all day, but his death occurred late in the afternoon with unexpected suddenness.

The most afflicted person in Hongkong will be Miss Thelma Webster, whom Mr. Tracey was to have married late in January.

### Formerly In R.A.S.C.

Mr. Tracey was formerly a Company Sergeant Major in the R.A.S.C. and had lately been employed as a civilian clerk with the Ordnance, Charge of Branches in Hongkong, Captain E. Ellmore. He had been in the East—In Singapore, India, and Hongkong—for 18 years and came to Hongkong about 18 months ago. He was about 40 years of age.

He enlisted in the last war in March, 1917, and served both in France and in India, being in the latter country at the time of his discharge. His mother and father are dead and he has no relatives in the Colony; it is not known whether he has any relatives overseas.

His funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day on its way to the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Happy Valley. R.A.S.C. warrant officers and sergeants will be the bearers and a Royal Scots bugler will be in attendance.

## Flight Over Germany

One British Plane Fails To Return

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that the R.A.F. carried out a successful reconnaissance flight over north-west Germany.

One plane did not return.

Other air activity included an attack on German ships when, despite fierce A.A. fire, one bomb at least was seen to hit the stern of one vessel.

In two cases elsewhere three Dornier flying boats were put to rout. There were no British casualties.

### German Claims

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, Dec. 28 (UP).—The official news agency reports that Lieut. Col. Karl Schumacher, piloting a pursuit plane, shot down an R.A.F. bomber over the German coast to-day.

Schumacher commanded the squadron which the Germans claimed brought down 36 R.A.F. planes on December 10.

The news agency also reports that the German patrols increased their activity on the western front with "good results."

Another report said that, despite bad weather, the Germans carried out reconnaissance flights over the English coast on Wednesday.

### Air Ministry Communiqué

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, December 28 (UP).—The Air Ministry announces: "The Royal Air Force carried out successful reconnaissance flights over north-west Germany on December 27. One British plane has not returned."

## GRACIE FIELDS CHEERS TROOPS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Gracie Fields has arrived in the B.E.F. area.

"Reuter's" special correspondent with the British Army telephones that Gracie was facing another cheering audience shortly after her arrival. She then appeared in a second show before hurrying away to entertain troops in the rearward area.

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